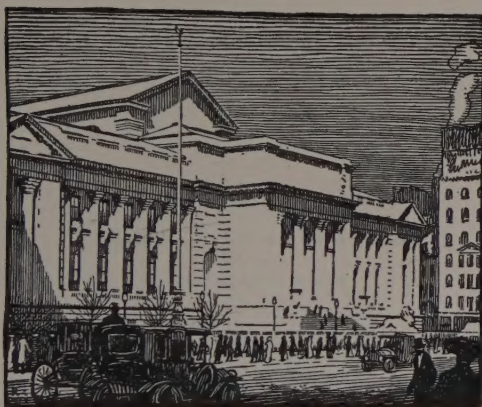


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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

THE details of the work and operations of the Library during the past year are shown, as usual, in the accompanying reports of the Treasurer and Director.

In the Reference Department the statistics show a continuance of the decrease in the demand by the public upon the facilities of the Library.

The total number of readers and visitors who entered the Central Building during the year 1925 was 3,957,749, an increase over the preceding year of 14,275, or 14%. The daily average of readers and visitors at the Central Building during the whole year was 10,843, as compared with 9,522 in the preceding year.

The number of readers in the Reference Department actually recorded through signatures on call slips or reading room registers was 1,586,623, as against 1,519,639 in the preceding year, an increase of 66,984, or 4%. The number of volumes consulted by these readers was 3,347,738, as against 3,244,603 in 1924, an increase of 103,135 or 5%.

These statistics, as explained in former reports, do not include the use of books from the open shelves in the Main Reading Room and in various other reading-rooms, as it is not practicable to keep any record of such use. If this

use of open-shelf books were included, the above figures would, no doubt, be very greatly increased.

The total number of bound volumes and pamphlets in the Reference Department at the end of the year 1925 was 1,739,484 (additions during the year having amounted to 71,787). Adding to these the 1,107,791 books in the Circulation Department gives a grand total for the Library of 2,847,275 pieces, a net gain for the year of 47,294. In the Circulation Department, however, there were 24,493 volumes less than at the end of 1924.

The number of books issued for home use by the Circulation Department was 9,018,339, a decrease of 531,537, or 6%, as compared with the year 1924. There were gains, mostly very slight, in six branches, and losses in forty. These losses were due chiefly to depletion of the book stock, to which attention has been called in former reports, but also, in a less degree, to shifting of population, increase in number of pay libraries and other factors.

In the City Budget for 1926, the Circulation Department of the Library was allowed an increase of \$350,000 over the amount allowed for 1925. This increased appropriation made possible long-deferred and very much needed salary increases to the Staff, and will permit a substantial start to be made during the year toward remedying the present depleted and deplorable physical condition of the branch library book-stocks.

During the summer of 1925 the Staff Association carried on an energetic, tactful and effective campaign to procure adequate appropriations for the Circulation Department.

The Trustees of The New York Public Library desire to express to the authorities of the City their appreciation of the action of the latter in at last making a substantial increase in the appropriations. This action on the part of the City authorities has given the Trustees reason to hope that in the future the City will continue the more liberal policy thus initiated so as to enable the Library to respond more satisfactorily to the great and increasing demand by the public upon its service.

The remarkable exhibition of "Original Manuscripts and Drawings of English Authors from the Pierpont Morgan Library," which was opened in the Main Exhibition Room on December 8, 1924, remained on view through April 8, 1925. The total number of visitors to this exhibition was 168,023.

An exhibition of portraits, play bills, and other memorabilia relating to the New York stage of the past sixty years, selected principally from the Robinson Locke Collection, and in part from the similar collection presented by Mr. Roy Day, together with material lent by various persons, was opened to

public on May 12th in the Main Exhibition Room. The exhibition was on October 3rd, the attendance during the whole period having been 99. In the same room was opened on November 8th a "Walt Whitman Memorial Exhibition," made up for the most part of material lent by private donors, and held under the auspices of the Walt Whitman Memorial Committee of the Author's Club.

Gifts received during the year included the following:

A grant of \$25,000 was received from the Carnegie Corporation for the maintenance of the Library School of The New York Public Library during the year 1925-1926.

From the Juilliard Musical Foundation was received an additional grant of \$10,000 for the purchase of books and music for the Music Division of the Reference Department. The original grant of \$4,000 was made by the foundation in the spring of 1923.

A gift of \$500 was received from the Beethoven Association for the purchase of books and music; and gifts of \$50 each from the American Alpine Club and the Colonial Dames of America as additions to funds already established for the purchase of books.

The following contributions were received: \$500 from Mr. Nathan J. S. R.; \$1,000 from the Baron de Hirsch Fund; \$1,000 from Mr. Ludwig H. Stein; \$500 from Mr. Mortimer L. Schiff; and \$500 from Mr. Arthur H. H.

Mrs. I. N. Seligman presented to the Library, in memory of her late husband, Isaac Newton Seligman, the notable collection formed by him, relating to Washington Irving. The collection has been placed on view in the Fifth Avenue entrance corridor and marked with a tablet setting forth the circumstances of the gift. An interesting supplementary collection of Irvingiana was given by Mr. George S. Hellman, and is displayed in a case adjoining the collection given by Mrs. Seligman.

The Library received on June 25, 1925, as a bequest under the will of the Logan Grant McPherson, an arm chair known as the "Washington Irving Chair." The chair was a favorite with Irving, and was in use by him at the time of his death. The Library received with the chair various papers attesting its authenticity.

From Mr. George F. Baker, Jr., came an addition of great importance to the Library's collection of Americana, a volume of the original

manuscripts of Messages and Proclamations of George Clinton, First Governor of the State of New York, being the official documents of the State during its most critical period in the American Revolution, from August, 1777, to September, 1781.

Mr. Norman P. Heffley, of Brooklyn, presented his large and important collection of shorthand books, pamphlets, and periodicals. One-half the cost of the Jerome B. Howard shorthand collection, purchased by the Library in 1925, was borne by the National Shorthand Reporters' Association.

From Mrs. Anna George de Mille came a notable collection of manuscripts, books, pamphlets, clippings and photographs relating to Henry George, her father.

From the American Federation of Labor came a large and interesting collection of manuscripts, clippings, photographs, and other material relating to their late president, Samuel Gompers.

From Mr. Roy Day came his extensive collection of programmes, photographs, half-tones, clippings, etc., relating to the American theatre, and to be known as "The Roy Day Collection."

From Mrs. George Bellows came a collection of lithographs, drawn by George Bellows, lithographed by Bolton Brown.

Mr. Roland F. Knoedler gave to the Circulation Department eight etchings by Brangwyn, Haig, Delaunay and Koepping.

During the year a total of 41,375 volumes, 131,786 pamphlets, 772 maps and 523 prints were received as gifts by the Reference Department, and 14,435 volumes and 4,487 pamphlets by the Circulation Department.

Mr. Stephen H. Olin, a member of the Board of Trustees, died on the 6th of August, 1925. Mr. Olin became a Trustee of the Astor Library on the 11th of April, 1888, and continued to occupy that office until the consolidation, and thereupon became one of the Trustees of The New York Public Library.

The Trustees again desire to express their appreciation of the spirit of loyalty and cordial co-operation which has animated the Staff during the year.

LEWIS CASS LEDYARD,
President.

SUMMARY REPORT OF THE TREASURER

STATEMENT OF ASSETS, DECEMBER 31, 1925

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

PRINCIPAL FUNDS

1 Fund	\$7,721,239.15	
2. Kennedy Fund	3,147,060.61	
History Fund (Founded by Mr. Alexander M. Proudfit)	10,000.00	
Literature Fund (Founded by Mr. Jacob H. Schiff)	27,909.97	
P. Avery Fund for Purchase of Prints	5,119.70	
der Maitland Fund (Early Americana and Cartography)	20,000.00	
und	411,806.80	
g Fund	5,821.71	
urance Fund	199,335.34	
y Insurance Fund	19,495.99	
ader Print Fund	50,029.52	
ader Salary Fund	50,004.35	
n J. Gaynor Memorial Collection Fund	5,000.00	
ck Memorial Fund	187,082.96	
n A. Spencer Fund	890,321.53	
School — Cadwalader Scholarship	1,008.75	
Billings Memorial Fund	181,974.78	
Employees' Fund	47,683.31	
H. Payne Fund	1,004,694.19	
W. Drexel Musical Library Fund	10,712.50	
Sage Fund	779,961.50	
Stephen V. Harkness Fund	1,039,938.60	
J. Eno Fund	40,104.94	
F. Baker Fund	262,500.00	
S. Harkness Fund	1,000,000.00	
Rockefeller, Jr., Fund	3,402,460.72	
Whitney Fund (In Memory of Oliver H. Payne)	2,020,334.21	
e Fund	3,000.00	
n Sloane Fund	50,000.00	
Howland Russell Fund	1,000.00	\$22,595,601.13

Carried forward,

\$22,595,601.13

THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

STATEMENT OF ASSETS, DECEMBER 31, 1925

(Continued)

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

(Continued)

Brought forward,

\$22,595,601.13

OTHER ASSETS

Books, Manuscripts, Maps, etc.-----	\$4,264,980.97		
Paintings, Statuary and Works of Art-----	266,245.00		
Income Cash -----	\$107,731.72		
In Hands of Bursar-----	15,000.00		
Accounts Receivable -----	9,371.65	132,103.37	4,663,329.34

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

PRINCIPAL FUNDS

Corporate Fund -----	\$151,879.64		
Women's Fund -----	2,000.00		
Oswald Ottendorfer Fund-----	11,018.79		
George Bruce Branch Fund-----	42,094.16		
Jacob H. Schiff Book Fund-----	5,504.57		
Alexander M. Proudfit Fund-----	12,052.79		
Nina G. Spiegelberg Fund-----	1,070.23		
Theodore G. Weil Fund -----	940.14		
Charles H. Contoit Fund-----	104,411.41		
Endowment Library for the Blind Fund-----	23,306.61		
J. Hood Wright Fund-----	51,190.89		
The Donnell Memorial Circulating Library Fund -----	489,695.07	\$895.164.30	

OTHER ASSETS

Real Estate and Buildings-----	205,582.60		
Income -----	\$7,575.11		
In Hands of Bursar-----	3,000.00		
Accounts Receivable -----	8,612.07	19,187.18	1,119,934.08
			<u>\$28,378,864.55</u>

INCOME ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1925

RECEIPTS

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

Income from Investments, etc.-----	\$1,046,717.67	
Mr. and Mrs. Nathan J. Miller-----	\$ 500.00	
The Baron de Hirsch Fund -----	1,000.00	
Mr. Ludwig Vogelstein-----	1,000.00	
Mr. Cleveland H. Dodge-----	5,000.00	
Mr. Mortimer L. Schiff-----	500.00	
Mr. Arthur Lehman-----	500.00	
Historic Memorial Committee of the Co-		
lonial Dames of America-----	50.00	
Mr. Benjamin F. Seaver, Treasurer of the		
American Alpine Club -----	50.00	
Willard Musical Foundation-----	1,000.00	
Various, through Judge Samuel Greenbaum--	280.75	
Bethoven Association -----	500.00	
Yewish Writers' Club -----	100.00	10,480.75
Cost of Miscellaneous Duplicates-----	5,044.79	
Periodicals Sale of Photostats, Catalogues, Bulletins, etc.-----	17,324.55	
Periodicals Sale of Waste Paper, etc.-----	2,935.70	
Refunded:		
For Material furnished Library School-----	\$ 337.84	
For Material furnished Circulation Depart-		
ment -----	13,351.59	
For Cost of Materials furnished Semitic		
Literature Fund -----	78.17	
For Cost of Materials furnished Schiff In-		
come Fund -----	183.52	
For Cost of Materials furnished for Engi-		
neers and Janitors' Supplies-----	2,117.20	
For Cost of Bindery and Catalogue and		
Printing Materials furnished-----	3,719.45	
For Postage, Stationery and Sundries-----	239.49	
For Library Refund -----	2,254.41	22,281.67
Telephone Calls -----	2,966.19	
For, etc., Central Circulation Branch-----	19,210.54	
For New York, Park Department, for Maintenance and		
Repairs Central Building-----	69,100.00	
For Library School Fund from the Carnegie Corporation-----	25,000.00	
For Library School Interest, Tuition, etc.-----	3,214.31	
Received from Educational Department, State of New York	98.00	
Fees -----	96.65	
Amount Transferred from 1924 Income for Expenditure		
in 1925 -----	128,674.01	
	\$1,353,144.83	
Less Amount Transferred to 1926 Income for Ex-		
penditures -----	117,103.37*	\$1,236,041.46

Made up principally of unexpended balances of income from restricted funds.

INCOME ACCOUNT — (*Continued*)
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1925

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

DISBURSEMENTS

General Administration	\$ 59,821.60	
Salaries	786,361.81	
Fuel, Gas and Removal of Ashes	35,000.00	
Engineer's and Janitor's Supplies and Uniforms	12,697.64	
Engine Repairs	5,000.00	
Repairs and Contingencies	1,089.94	
Furniture and Repairs Thereto	3,584.29	
Catalogue and Printing Materials	18,783.06	
Bindery Supplies	11,478.99	
Telephone Rentals	3,051.76	
Postage, Stationery and Sundries	7,742.31	
Freight, Express and Customs House Charges	2,907.86	
Travelling Expenses	575.39	
Central Building Maintenance and Repairs	69,100.00	
Books for Central Circulation Branch	14,098.00	
Books and Periodicals	79,573.91	
Binding	4,991.93	
Avery Print Fund	133.14	
Courtlandt Palmer Memorial Fund	178.79	
Billings Memorial Fund	7,052.64	
Gaynor Memorial Collection Fund	261.34	
Maitland Fund	684.76	
Naval History Fund	387.55	
Schiff Income Fund	1,712.45	
Semitic Literature Fund	983.15	
Slavonic Fund	13.50	
Cadwalader Print Fund	618.22	
Sundry Special Gifts	5,342.09	
Library School	26,101.73	
William A. Spencer Fund Books	62,874.14	
Mary C. Bowen Annuity, 1925	500.00	
Photostat Supplies	8,899.68	
Alpine Club Fund	75.96	
Purchase of Books for Music Division	40.25	
Milbank Memorial Fund Children's Room	133.54	
Drexel Musical Library	438.09	
Ossian Fund	24.65	
Contributions for Purchase of Books	88.82	
Colonial Dames of America Fund	76.00	
Draper Employee's Fund	1,766.00	
Juilliard Musical Foundation Fund	1,876.48	\$1,236,041.46

INCOME ACCOUNT — (*Continued*)

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1925

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

RECEIPTS

of New York, Maintenance of 44 Branches.....	\$1,036,747.00		
Lost and Paid-for Books, 1925.....	88,641.07		
ved from Educational Department, State of New York	4,312.00		
le from Securities, 1925.....	\$23,498.61		
llaneous Sales.....	1,481.65	24,980.26	\$1,154,680.33

DISBURSEMENTS

CITY FUNDS

es and Wages	\$ 827,206.00		
Supplies	22,125.22		
Supplies	15,725.66		
dry, Cleaning and Disinfecting Supplies.....	1,658.75		
ral Plant Supplies.....	6,441.73		
Equipment	355.52		
and Periodicals	61,000.00		
k Vehicles and Equipment.....	92.01		
ral Plant Equipment	2,439.88		
ing Materials	659.65		
ral Repairs	7,228.98		
ng of Books	81,700.00		
of Automobiles.....	41.55		
re	1,397.05		
essage and Deliveries	253.25		
hone Service	3,056.31		
r Vehicle Repairs.....	628.38		
ngencies	1,808.06		
.....	2,929.00		

\$1,036,747.00

MISCELLANEOUS

and Binding.....	\$58,537.27		
es	35,470.46		
ngencies	376.00		
nce	1,050.95		
ies	14,558.54		
ing Repairs	365.00	110,358.22	\$1,147,105.22

Carried Forward for 1926 Expenditures..... \$7,575.11

INCOME ACCOUNT — (*Concluded*)

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1925

MUNICIPAL REFERENCE BRANCH (REFERENCE DEPARTMENT)

Received from City of New York for Municipal Reference Branch	\$21,102.33		
Received from State of New York for Books, Municipal Reference Branch	98.00		
Received from Other Sources for Municipal Reference Branch	158.03		\$21,358.36
DISBURSEMENTS			
Books and Periodicals	\$ 1,598.00		
Salaries and Wages	17,702.33		
Other Purposes :			
Office Supplies	\$ 451.38		
General Plant Supplies	1,184.30		
Binding	199.95		
Contingencies	222.40	2,058.03	\$21,358.36

EDWARD W. SHELDON,

Treasurer.

February 18, 1926.

LEGACIES TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

No precise words are necessary to a valid legacy to the Corporation. The following clause, however, may be suggested:

"I give The New York Public Library, Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations, the sum of _____ dollars."

If land, or any specific personal property, such as bonds, stocks, books, prints, etc., is given, a brief description of the property should be inserted instead of the words "the sum of _____ dollars."

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1925

VIS CASS LEDYARD, ESQ.,

President of The New York Public Library.

readers to the number of 1,586,623 are recorded as using books in the Reference Department during 1925. (These figures are for the Main Reading Room and the other reading rooms of the Reference Department, Central Building.) They were supplied with 3,347,738 books. In 1924 there were 1,519,639 recorded readers who consulted 3,194,603 books. The actual use of books is always much larger than the records show, since there are thousands of books which may be consulted without any application, written or verbal. The total number of visitors to the building was 3,957,749. In 1924 there were 3,475,474.)

In the Circulation Department (the Branch Libraries, Extension Division, Library for the Blind) the number of books issued for use at home was 9,018,339. This is a loss from 1924, when 9,549,876 were issued.

At the end of the year there were in the Reference Department 1,739,484 books and pamphlets. There were 1,107,791 books in the Circulation Department, a loss of 24,493 in the year. The total number of books and pamphlets in both departments of the Library was therefore 2,847,275.

The number of employees on December 31, 1925, was 1,313. Of these, 11 were in the Reference Department, 11 in the Municipal Reference Library, and 720 in the Circulation Department.¹

¹The figures concerning the employees show the number of persons upon the payroll at that date, disregarding whether they held full-time or part-time positions. Figures for the Library School are not included.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

The principal need of the Library is more space, both for books and for readers. An addition to the building must soon be considered. Every month sees increasing demand for space in the stack room, both from special reading rooms that require desperate steps to give them breathing space and from the stack force searching for a home for new additions. Already, the records of the United States Sanitary Commission during the Civil War have been sent to the cellar, as well as other manuscript collections for which there seemed to be little likelihood of pressing demand in the near future. The coming year will force a transfer to the underworld of certain classes of printed books; a prospect with little pleasure for members of the Staff whose memories go back to the last years in the old Astor and Lenox buildings. Space can be thus acquired, but it is a temporary expedient, a loss in good service, and a source of inconvenience to readers and to Staff. There is no alternative, however, until additional shelf room is provided, and until that is done pressure and inconvenience will grow cumulatively more severe as time goes on.

Next to this somewhat feverish search for new space comes the thought of the intensity of use. In the main reading room, 487,333 readers called for 1,049,124 volumes, leaving 1,099,290 readers and 2,298,614 volumes for the other rooms.

The increase over 1924 is 4 per cent in number of readers for the entire department, and 5 per cent in the number of volumes consulted. In the main reading room the corresponding figures stand at 3 for both readers and for volumes used.

This is, of course, but an indication of use and falls far short of an absolute record, for if one made an estimate of the number of readers who consulted the thousands of volumes on the open shelves in the main reading rooms and in the special divisions the figures would stand much higher; 2,000,000 or 2,500,000 would certainly be conservative as the number of readers, and whether the estimate for volumes would rise to 5,000,000 or to 6,000,000 would depend to a certain extent on the personality and optimism of the person who made the guess.

It is but proper in studying these figures to compare them with the corresponding figures for the year 1912, the first complete twelvemonth in the present building. In 1912 the total number of volumes in the reference department was 1,181,392, and the Staff amounted to 400 people. Thirteen years later the number of volumes had increased to 1,734,059 a percentage growth of 47, and an absolute growth of 552,667 volumes. The Staff has grown from 400 to 582, an increase of 45 per cent. The use of the Library, as expressed in terms of readers has increased by 1,186,348, or 296 per cent.

is a pleasure to observe the use of the main reading room, for instance, busy Saturday or Sunday. It is a source of real satisfaction to any librarian to realize that he has a part in supplying the intellectual needs of so many a body of students.

There comes with this sense of pleasure, however, a decided feeling of depression when one realizes that the intimate personal contact between librarian and reader is necessarily cut off when books must be handled in such quantities and at such speed. The delivery of books at the desk in the main reading room resembles more the mechanical delivery of bulk packages in a factory than it does the handing of books to students. The intensity of work indicated by the statement that in the thirteen hours the reading room is open, 5,487 books have gone out to 2,600 readers on at least one occasion. This means an average of 422 books per hour or 7 per minute; taking these figures from the realm of average to the actual figures for one hour, it means that books are handled at busy times, at the rate of 13 per minute.

Another element of discomfort comes with an analysis of the kind of patrons present especially on busy Saturdays and Sundays. Much of the attendance on these days consists of high school students or undergraduates coming by colleges or other institutions of learning. This means that the library is called on to supply study room facilities, and is expected to furnish books or books needed for collateral reading. Many of the colleges in the vicinity close their reading rooms and class rooms on Saturday afternoon and Sunday, which inevitably turns toward this building the undergraduate student that seeks study room facilities.

It is always a pleasure for any librarian to help readers to the use of books. However, a decidedly important question whether the Reference Department of this Library is charged with the duty of providing class room facilities for undergraduate students of colleges in New York and elsewhere. There is no question about the character of books the Library has sought to select or the character of facilities it has planned to provide. Its books have been selected with the idea of helping the mature scholar or investigator to go on his research. Its mechanical and physical equipment has been selected for scholars of this type, and not with the idea of providing class room equipment, or reading room accommodations, or supplies, or text books for undergraduate students. This statement is made without the slightest intention to minimize the importance of the undergraduate in the intellectual life of the next generation. The Library, however, feels that neither its size nor the physical extent of the building permit it to undertake to care for this class at the expense of the readers for whom its resources are specially adapted.

To turn to a different phase of activity during the year, mention may be made of the increase in facilities for research provided by means of photostat reproductions of the manuscript texts available at a few places in the country. The Modern Language Association of America has deposited in the Library of Congress photostat reproductions of manuscripts in

European archives made by, or for, members of the Association for research connected with their studies and interests. The Library of Congress has permitted The New York Public Library to make photostats of these reproductions, and thus insure scholars in this vicinity of the certainty that they may consult these texts in this building even though the original, deposited in the Library of Congress, may be lent for study by a scholar in another part of the country.

The Newberry Library of Chicago rendered an important service to American research in the field of English literature when it added a photographic reproduction made for its use from the manuscript in the British Museum written by Joseph Hunter entitled "Chorus Vatum Anglicanorum." This manuscript contained important unpublished information about many names connected with English literature, and the text thus reproduced put at the service of students in this field who lived in or near Chicago, an important source of information that hitherto had been available only by means of a trip to London.

Through the courtesy of the Newberry Library, The New York Public Library has secured the privilege of making a photostat reproduction from this reproduction. When doing this work for itself it made sets for the Library of Congress, for Yale University Library, and for the Library of the University of Pennsylvania. The public spirit of the Newberry Library, therefore, had put at the service of scholars in four additional centers of research what hitherto had been available only at one point in this country.

MAIN READING ROOM

During the year 1,049,124 volumes were issued to 487,333 readers, an increase of 28,368 volumes (2.77 per cent) over 1924. These figures, for books, are obtained by an actual count of the number of volumes given out on signed call slips. The number of readers filing slips for books is estimated. No attempt is made to record the use of books from the open reference shelves, or of readers consulting them. The number of readers in the room is counted every hour, however, and these statistics, providing information as to the busiest hours and days, are of great help in preparing Staff schedules and in planning the division's routine work.

December with a total of 109,938 volumes delivered, and an average daily issue of 3,546, was the busiest month of the year with November and January not far behind. The average daily issue in June, the lightest month, was 2,073 volumes. The average daily issue affords perhaps the fairest method of comparing the relative volume of work done from month to month, and the months arranged in a descending series stood as follows: December, November, January, April, March, May, February, October, August, July, September and June. The school and college year was the most influential single factor in determining this order. Why should Feb-

be less busy than May or April? January and May are periods of sh preparation for the examination ordeals by most young students, ls in which many try to crowd the term's work into three weeks or less. ary, after the agony is over, is a period of recuperation.

gust, the most favored vacation month, was busier than July, as it d the height of activity of the various summer schools in the City. ys excepted, Saturday, June 6 (one of the hottest days of the summer), d the lowest issue, 1,568 volumes. Extremes of weather, heat, cold or ffect library statistics.

Tuesday, December 29, the busiest day of the year, 5,487 books were out. On four days during the year, Saturday, January 10, and Decem- 8, 29, and 30, the issue was more than 5,000 volumes. On twenty-two he issue was more than 4,000 but less than 5,000. In 1924 the highest rded an issue of 4,609 volumes and the 4,000 mark was passed on en days.

the days over 4,000, eighteen fell on Saturday, the week after Christ- December 28 to 31), accounted for four, and the remaining four Washington's birthday, Good Friday, Election day, and the Friday Thanksgiving.

half the Sundays during the year, except from June to September, the was more than 3,000 volumes. An issue of 3,000 on Sunday, when the ry is open nine hours instead of thirteen, is equivalent to more than volumes on a week day.

e busiest Sunday was the 6th of December, with an issue of 3,769 This equals more than 5,400 volumes for a thirteen-hour day. An e issue of 420 books per hour means that during the busiest hours of the oks are given out at the rate of one every four seconds.

udy of the classified table of volumes consulted (Table 2) and of the rative statistics showing the percentage of volumes used in the several y for the last seven years, from 1919 to 1925, (Table 6) shows but change from year to year in the demand for, or interest in, the various of knowledge.

erature (belles-lettres) continues to be the most popular subject and ts for 28.17 per cent of all books used in the Main Reading Room; nics and the social sciences were, as usual, second with 16.02 per cent total issue. General periodicals, largely used for literary, economic olitical material, was the third group (8.85 per cent), followed by (except American) and philosophy.

e than half the books called for, or over 55 per cent, were classified uage and literature, history, including biography and geography, and bphy and religion. The relatively small demand for books in law and ne is explained by the fact that the Library makes no attempt to com- th the large legal and medical libraries elsewhere in the city.

most important event of the year was the completion of the large ft in one corner of the delivery desk. Its use, since the latter part of

May, has simplified and expedited the return of books to the shelves after use, and, by releasing the four small lifts in the center of the desk for the delivery of books from the Stacks to the reading room, has, improved service.

The completion of the book-lift necessitated the removal of the photostat desk to a new location on the west side of the North Hall near the delivery desk, a change which has proved satisfactory in every way. During the year the photostat section handled 9,106 orders for prints and made 83,384 prints. This was an increase of 214 orders and of 23,856 prints over 1924.

STACK

The number of volumes taken from the Stack, for use in all parts of the building is estimated at 1,154,036.

On the negative side the records show that 2.5 volumes per 1,000, an average of less than 8 per day, could not be supplied when called for, while no satisfactory explanation of the failure could be given at the time. Most of these failures are due to duplication of calls, before the records are filed.

The number of volumes sent to be rebound during 1925 was 12,220, an increase of 3,088 over 1924. Current needs have been met, but only slight inroad has been made into the huge accumulation of past years. A large increase in the binding allotment is urgently needed.

Attention is being given to the preservation of books. Special treatment to leather bindings, and minor repairs have been systematically carried on.

Notice has been called in previous reports to the rapidly diminishing shelf space. The lack of adequate space becomes more and more acute as acquisitions fill the remaining shelves. The amount of time spent in making adjustments, in order to utilize all possible shelf space, is increasing, and is a heavy burden on the Staff.

The problem of attracting intelligent boys and young men to the Staff has been partially met by the policy of granting university scholarships to those who have given satisfactory service.

The work of the inventory force is exceedingly important to the smooth operation of the service of books to readers. Shelves and records are revised, necessary guides and labels prepared, misleading binders' titles clarified, packages of unbound reports, etc., kept up to date, and the shelf list maintained. During the year 211,536 volumes were inventoried, and 530 reported as missing. The number of unbound reports inserted in packages was 6,864.

AMERICAN HISTORY DIVISION

Condensed to briefest form, the record of use in this Division stands as follows:

					READERS	VOLUMES DRAWN
Room 300 (American History)	-	-	-	-	43,074	128,981
Room 303 (Reserve)	-	-	-	-	4,244	12,430
Room 312 (Maps)	-	-	-	-	13,787	34,553

all these reading rooms congestion both of readers and of books on the shelves has become an obstacle to service. Scholars and investigators, the most clearly in mind when service for these rooms was planned, often find it difficult, not to say impossible, to get a seat because of the number of undergraduate students from local colleges and high schools who come to use their own text books or to draw on library text books to supplement the demands of class room work.

After text books, the greatest demand came for books on Florida, followed by the West, negroes, Indians, travels in the early nineteenth century, the life of Washington, Jefferson, Franklin, Lincoln, and other statesmen. A ready demand for pictures was evident, and it gave no little pleasure to staff to reflect that the plans of mural paintings for two important buildings took shape in the room.

In the Reserve room the most important administrative features have been the work at checking the books stored here and the progress made in working out a classification scheme with corresponding effort to see that full sets of cards were filed in the public and division catalogues for books so identified.

Among the subjects studied during the year mention may be made of the following: Industrial illustrations, historical pictures, printer's mottoes and emblems, shipping news, political sources of the American Revolution, the "Universalist," bibliography of the "Ship of Fools," Jews of Hispanic America and Brazil, printing in Latin America, travels in South America, American literature, early education in America, studies of printing

One of the most important additions to the books shelved here was the publications of the Grolier Club bequeathed by the late Beverly Chew. It is a pleasure to report that the physical condition of the books is much better at the latter end of the year than at the beginning. A systematic effort has been made to treat all leather bindings with neat's-foot oil, to repair worn bindings beginning to show signs of wear, to rebind those that have gone on the path of destruction, and to supply solander cases for many books deserving protection of that kind.

When one familiar with conditions in the map room reads that nearly ten thousand persons were given nearly thirty-five thousand maps and atlases during the year he certainly would be pardoned if he stopped long enough to inquire whether the discomfort were greater for readers or for librarians. It was great for both. Space for comfortable consultation of such things as maps has been lacking, and space would have been difficult to find even if readers had asked for nothing larger than ordinary books. The room has grown so much that from the first of the year the room remained open in the evening and on Sundays and holidays.

Readers have been drawn from as widespread classes as ever, including students, real estate agents, explorers, photographers, and tourists.

PRINTS DIVISION

The print exhibitions, always drawing many visitors, offer the readiest means for reaching and interesting a large public. But there is also an increasing use of the Print Room for the study of fine prints as prints, without any intention to use them as a pictorial storehouse to furnish pictures of given subjects. (Of course, emphasis on the subject goes on, in demands for pictorial representations of barbers, bar-rooms, marriage scenes, monkeys, woodpiles, and the thousand-and-one items in the iconography of public needs.) The interest in the technique of etching, woodblock printing and lithography also continues.

Furthermore, the brisk use of the "new book shelf" discloses much catholicity, the same reader enjoying French eighteenth century engravings and Hassam, or McBey and Daumier, or any other combination you please.

Current interests are reflected in queries of visitors, as widely separated as calls for Currier & Ives, Madison Square Garden, Pennell's latest, or the artist just then in vogue among designers. So, too, local interest drew unusually many visitors to the exhibition of the Eno Collection, with numerous calls for photostats of these New York views.

Gifts of prints, noted elsewhere in this report, expanded the usual annual show of "Recent Additions" into five, the series to be finished in 1926. In purchasing, the Library's slender resources impose narrow limits, yet interesting old prints by J. Hopfer, J. T. de Bry, Brosamer, Krug, Amman, Kulmbach, the younger Palma, and others have been added to the collection. Of special attraction are two large woodcuts, Lützelburger's "Battle in the Forest" and Jegher's "Jesus and St. John playing with a Lamb," after Rubens.

The year's exhibitions were "Europe through American Eyes," "Eno Collection of New York City Views," "The Subject Interest of Prints," "Portrait Etchings by Jacques Reich," "Prints by Contemporary French Artists," "Recent Additions," and "Book Plates and other Engravings by C. W. Sherborn." There were 230,112 visitors in the Print Gallery, and 104,750 in Room 316.

There come opportunities also for "extra-mural" activities not susceptible of tabulation. For example, putting a little experience or insight at the service of those arranging an exhibition abroad of American architecture, or of those furthering the cause of art education in the smaller colleges. Or, instigating an art society to arrange the first of a proposed series of annual exhibitions of "Holiday Cards by American artists," thus bringing buyers and artists together. Such things may conceivably have more far-reaching influence than those expressed in statistics of readers.

ART DIVISION

The Division sees the world of art with a vision as wide and divergent and varied as are the interests and the points of approach of its readers. What, then, are some of the habitual uses of the Division's resources? The designer leaves untouched few sources of historic ornament, he transposes the motives of one art into the idiom of another; and recently his interest in the very modern forms of creative design has been greatly accentuated, largely perhaps as a reflection of the tendencies of the Paris Exposition of Decorative Arts. A very genuine, and for the most part, an intelligent appreciation of the arts and the architecture of the United States has meant almost constant use of all Division sources, just as it has meant study of actual examples in the American Wing at the Metropolitan Museum. An enthusiasm for all things Spanish, from architecture to metal work, is evidence, not only of the increasingly usual tour in Spain, but of the Latin affinities which are being so consciously cultivated in Florida and California. The stage designer and the actor face the problem of the visualization of historic period and costume, of the rendering of atmospheric values and of the creation of human types. To supplement the documentary evidence, they need both the contemporary pictorial record and the artistic interpretation of the visible world of their temporary stage.

With the encouraging recognition of the fine arts as a proper subject for the university curriculum, the Division anticipates broadening its field of research. Such educational policy implies a recognition of values too long neglected. Of this academic interest, often, however, very close to practical application, two phases have been conspicuous: research into the origin, relationships, and comparative types of textile design; and an attempt to interpret and evaluate the Far Eastern arts. And the last but by no means the least reward of the Division's work is the constant enjoyment and appreciation of the great masters. The truth and beauty of their art mean a standard of value which bears no relationship to fashion and fad, ephemeral interest and current use. Like the immortals of literature, they are the eternal verity.

MANUSCRIPT DIVISION

There were 721 readers, who used 1,035 volumes, 343 boxes, and 548 pieces of manuscripts.

The public room (319) and the storage and work room (226) are already congested. Moreover, there are enough manuscripts in the basement to fill another room. Besides serving those who do research in the room, much help is given scholars by correspondence and by furnishing photostats. More than a third of the time of one assistant is consumed in supervising the photostatting.

Many manuscript volumes have been rebound or repaired, other manuscripts have been mounted on hinges with interleaving and then bound. Thousands of pieces have been sorted and put in manila folders, lettered, and filed in our special file boxes.

The two assistants of the Manuscript Division spend most of their days in serving applicants or answering queries. As time permits they work at arranging or cataloguing new or older accessions. The Division needs more room, to say nothing of the demand for more time and more assistance in getting the classification advanced and in producing a real catalogue.

The most valuable accession was the gift of the Isaac N. Seligman Collection of Washington Irving Manuscripts, etc. An appreciative account of the collection was given by Mr. George S. Hellman in the "Bulletin" for May, 1920; the detailed catalogue is printed in the "Bulletin," February, 1926. The current accessions have generally been catalogued and filed. Also the filing of the manuscripts of the Gansevoort-Lansing Collection, extending over about 136 linear feet of shelf space, has been nearly finished. The Papers of Henry George, presented by his daughter, were sorted, arranged, and reported upon for the "Bulletin" of September; the De Lancey Stow Memorial Collection was roughly sorted for a tentative report in the "Bulletin" of November; the William Cullen Bryant - Parke Godwin Collection was arranged, boxed, and catalogued; and the Tomlinson Collection of some thousands of pieces deposited by The Mercantile Library Association of the City of New York was classified and boxed.

George F. Baker, Jr., a trustee of the Library, gave a notable volume of Governor George Clinton's official proclamations and messages, 1777-1781, a manuscript collection to be described elsewhere. Mrs. Charles S. Fairchild, Dr. Thomas Ollive Mabbott, Howard Townsend, E. O. Weeks, and Gabriel Wells were also donors to the manuscript collections.

Another of the principal gifts of the year came from Mrs. Greene, consisting of papers of her husband, the late General Francis Vinton Greene, 8 vols., and about 150 pieces. The gift embraces five printed volumes on military tactics; a scrap book with pencil notes, etc., by President U. S. Grant and transcripts of correspondence between General W. T. Sherman and F. V. Greene, 1878-1888 relative to Greene's services as military attaché with the Russian army in Turkey; also a collection of general orders, telegrams, reports, etc., during 1898-1899, relative to the second U. S. Philippine expedition commanded by General Greene, a draft of the articles of capitulation of Manila, August, 1898, his correspondence as Intendente General, negotiations with Señor Agoncillo in 1899, etc. An orderly book of Major General Nathanael Greene, 1776, was also included in this gift.

Accessions by purchase included the Papers of Philip Mazzei as agent of Virginia in Europe, addressed to John Page, Thomas Jefferson, and Benjamin Harrison, 1775-1785, 26 pieces; a collection of some 900 pieces added to the Gilbert Livingston Papers, 1745-1830; account books of the Philadelphia merchants, Thomas Pratt and Hobart & Pratt, 1754-1763;

graph letters of General George B. McClellan, 1869-1880, 33 pieces; twenty-one volumes of sketch and note books of Eyre Crowe, an Englishman, who was a pupil of Paul Delaroche and of the Royal Academy of London.

Among the subjects studied in the Division were: Biographies of John Bull, Joel Barlow, Washington Irving, Chancellor Robert R. Livingston and President James A. Garfield; activities of General Benedict Arnold at Lake Champlain; loyalists in the American Revolution, in particular of Westchester County, New York; travel in the United States in 1790; New York politics, 1790-1794; the Federal election of 1812; stage and turnpike companies in the United States; the American fur trade; early history of the Panama canal; the history of shorthand; and the history of flags.

SPENCER COLLECTION

The statistics of the number of visitors to the Spencer exhibit in Room 322 have been reported under Exhibitions.

During the year there have been some notable additions to the collection, as follows:

SPECULUM HUMANAЕ SALVATIONIS. Latin text of 45 chapters, complete, with 192 illuminations, two to each page, and two extra illustrations preceding the text. Manuscript on vellum, about A. D. 1400. Late eighteenth-century binding. Folio.

Extensive researches made on this text in 1907 by Lutz and Perdrizet, involving the examination of some 205 Latin manuscripts, showed that most of them were in institutions, they were mainly on paper, many not illustrated, and a number incomplete. They ascribed the authorship to Ludolphus de Saxonia, during the period when he was a Dominican, and placed the date of original composition in the year 1324, at the Dominican Cloister of Sinsburg. The illustrated copies came later into being, and those on vellum were costly and designed for monasteries or bishops. The vellum manuscript volume acquired for the Spencer Collection bears the arms of the archbishoprics of Cologne and Mayence, regions of interest in relation to the origin and spread of printing. In the early steps towards what was later the art of printing, the "Speculum" holds an important place. Moreover, as a text, it is studied for its Christian typology or allegorical exegesis and it has a place in tracing the history of religious ideas.

PRÆCIPUA, Giovanni. Compendium de præclaris mulieribus. Ulm: Johann Zainer, 1473. Folio.

An unusually tall copy in contemporary, stamped leather binding of this first edition with 81 illustrations, and the first Latin edition to have illustrations. These 81 spirited woodcuts (colored) are the earliest printed in an Ulm book. Every leaf is genuine, one is inlaid.

RELIQVIA, Flavius Renatus. Von der Ritterschaft. [Augsburg: Johann Wiener, about 1475.]

This is a German translation by Ludwig Hohenwang of the "De re militari." There are 81 pages of illustrations, woodcuts of engines and implements of warfare. They are similar in character to those in the work of Valturius of the same title, printed at Verona in 1472,

which is also represented in the Spencer Collection by a finely-illuminated vellum copy. The German edition is apparently the only edition in German printed in the fifteenth-century, and is the only woodcut book attributed to this Augsburg printer.

BETTINI, Antonio, ecclesiastic of Sienna, afterwards Bishop of Foligno. *Libro intitolato monte sancto di dio*. Florence: Nicolo di Lorenzo dellamagna [Nikolaus Lorenz of Germany], 1477. Small folio.

Illustrated with three copperplates printed directly on the pages in the *niello* method of the Finiguerra tradition. The book is not only among the earliest Florentine imprints, but is distinguished as the earliest book in which copperplate printing appears. The copy has the bookplate of John Broadley, whose sale in England took place in 1832-1833. The binding is of an early date, either done in Italy or France.

BIRGITTA (Sancte). *Revelationes*. Nürnberg: A. Koberger, Sept. 21, 1500. Folio.

This copy is perfect, with the two blank leaves, and 17 full-page woodcuts, perhaps of the Dürer school. Bound in contemporary leather on wooden boards, blind decoration.

[HOLBEIN, Hans, the Younger.] *Les simulachres & historiees faces de la Mort, autant elegammēt pourtraictes que artificiellement imaginées*. A Lyon, Soubz l'escu de Coloigne. M. D. XXXVIII. Small quarto.

It is the original first edition of the "Dance of Death," with 41 woodcuts. From the Alfred Pfeiffer library.

BOCCACCIO, Giovanni. *Il Decamerone*. Londra [*i.e.*, Paris,] 1757. 5 volumes, 8°.

This is a large paper copy in contemporary red morocco. It is one of the principal French illustrated books of the eighteenth century, with 5 frontispieces, a portrait, 110 full-page engravings, and 97 *culs-de-lampe*, by fifteen different engravers after designs by Gravelot, Boucher, Cochin, and Eisen. About two thirds of the plates have the paraph stamp on the reverse, indicative of early impressions.

TASSO, Torquato. *La Gerusalemme Liberata*; stampata d'ordine di Monsieur [*i.e.*, the Comte de Provence, brother of Louis XVI of France]. A Parigi, presso F. A. Didot l'aîné, 1784, *etc.* 2 volumes, 4°.

These two volumes, specially bound by Lortic, consist of the 82 original drawings by Cochin, made by him for the Comte de Provence, for which he was paid forty thousand *louis* at the time, later being rewarded with a pension. In the published work from the press of the elder Didot, limited to an edition of 200 copies, there are but 40 engravings and a portrait after Cochin, so that only one-half of the original drawings were ever engraved. Accompanying the original drawings are contemporary manuscript lists of the subjects and their meaning or interpretation. From the Robert Schuhmann library.

MUSIC DIVISION

The number of readers for the year is 28,976, less by 2,759 than the total for 1924. On the other hand, the number of volumes used, 80,716, is an increase of 171. This discrepancy may be accounted for in part by saying that the registration of readers possibly has not been insisted on so rigorously as it might have been. Also, it is certain that when readers are told about the existence of the lending facilities at the Music Library at the 58th Street Branch they frequently prefer to go there.

th regard to major purchases, a second attempt is being made to complete the collection of Brahms scores. A set ordered by the former chief of division, when in Europe in 1922, eventually arrived here printed on paper. A gift of \$500 from the Beethoven Association, originally given and on Mozart and Wagner material, will be used to buy good paper for the Brahms scores. A complete set of the Carnegie collection of Music, some fifty or sixty scores of all kinds by contemporary British composers, has been laid to the charge of the Drexel Fund. Our subscription has been renewed to the "Denkmaeler der Tonkunst in Oesterreich," which has recently begun again since the war.

A gift of \$1,000 from the Juilliard Musical Foundation is being used in various ways. While there is still much to be done in buying scores by the masters (Brahms being the notable deficiency) as well as in the purchase of older books, standard or rare, about music, a definite attempt is made to cope with contemporary output. In the field of musical history and criticism, this can be done with fair success, but the selection and purchase of modern scores is a much more difficult matter. The present transitional period in musical history will eventually show itself as one of considerable importance, and it is therefore desirable that first editions of contemporary scores should be bought while the buying is good.

In the case of the masters of the "new music," such as Schoenberg, Ravel, Stravinsky, and Bartok, an effort will be made to have them represented as completely as possible. It has also been thought advisable to get together a tentative selection of scores in the case of such composers as Malipiero, Vaughan Williams, de Falla, Honegger or Hindemith, while in the case of Debussy, important because of his position at the genesis of the new movement, the scores are almost complete.

The Juilliard Fund has also been drawn upon to buy from the Widener Library at Harvard, photostat copies of the Cecil Sharp collection of folk songs from the southern Appalachians. These were noted by Sharp within the limits of the present decade, and consist of some 1,500 tunes and 1,000 words obtained by him from the singing of the white people chiefly in the two Carolinas, the two Virginias, Kentucky, and Tennessee. The original manuscript of the collection is now in the library of Clare College, Cambridge, but photostat copies were made for the Harvard Library under the direction of Professor G. L. Kittredge, from whom (and also from the library's literary executors) permission was obtained to make our duplicates. This year has seen the publication of Miss M. H. Glyn's "The complete early works of Orlando Gibbons," a musician of considerable importance in the English court of James I. In this, the first collected edition of his compositions for the virginals, two manuscript virginal books of the early seventeenth century, now located in the Music Division as Drexel 5611 and Drexel 5612, respectively, have been considerably drawn upon. In some cases the original text has simply been included in the collation, in many others it has been made the basis for collation, and in the case of four pieces it stands as

the only existing manuscript. A description of these two virginal books with particular reference to Gibbons, the tercentenary of whose death fell in 1925, will be found in the December (1925) issue of the "Bulletin."

The Division has also been active in connection with another centenary, that of the first establishment of grand opera in New York (actually November 29th, 1925). The early circumstances of this development, and the subsequent history of a hundred years of grand opera in New York have been gone into very thoroughly by Mr. Julius Mattfeld of the Division, the result of whose researches has appeared in the October, November, and December (1925) numbers of the "Bulletin." The same writer's "Folk Music of the Western Hemisphere," which appeared in the "Bulletin" for November and December, 1924, has been reprinted with additions. This is the first comprehensive bibliography on a subject which is gathering momentum in this continent.

Through the interest and generosity of Mrs. E. S. Coolidge, the Library conducted a series of six free chamber concerts by the Lenox String Quartet on January 13, 20, 27; February 3, 20; and March 3, 1926. Mrs. Coolidge has already built an auditorium in the Library of Congress for the performance of chamber music, and it was her intention to finance a similar series in the Central Building. As, however, there was no room available, the concerts took place at the Music Library, 58th Street Branch.

GENEALOGY AND LOCAL HISTORY DIVISION

The Division has more than 7,000 genealogies of American and British families. Town and county histories and vital records pertaining to the United States exceed 17,000 items. Of works about New York City there are over 4,000 titles. Relating to Great Britain, town and county histories, parish registers, visitations, historical and genealogical society publications and works on heraldry comprise about 11,000 volumes. Other European countries are represented by about two thousand items of the more important works of heraldry and genealogy.

In addition to the usual genealogical research in the Division, investigation has been made by many examiners into other subjects, among them: Robert Erskine, geographer and surveyor of the Army of the United States; religious forces in the development of the Ozarks; history of the Mad River and Lake Erie Railroad 1832-1857; the Virginia planter, 1790-1830; the pleasure gardens of Manhattan prior to 1850; the statuary art of Greater New York; the manors and historic homes of Long Island and Staten Island; biographical data for a history of Woodstock, Connecticut; early history of the milling industry in the principal cities of the United States; the local enforcements of the Sabbath law in North and South Carolina in colonial days; American warehouses before 1850; glass manufacture in New York State; colonial dentists; Ira Allen, soldier and statesman; journalism in

orial Florida; one hundredth anniversary of Forty-Second Street; life of John Washington; the family history of "Wild Bill" (James W. Hickok); Robert Recorde, general surveyor of the mines and money in England and Ireland, 1549; Henry Porter, Elizabethan dramatist; life of common people in Scotland previous to 1600; historical foundations of the law relating to trade-marks; mediæval towns of Great Britain.

During 1925 a total of 37,153 readers registered in the Division. The average daily attendance was 102, about three-fourths being in the daytime and one-fourth in the evening.

The use of books and pamphlets was large, a total of 159,550 volumes having been applied for by slips. March was the busiest month in the year.

SLAVONIC DIVISION

In catering to what Dr. Johnson called "the common reader," the Division's periodicals played a larger part than they have done of late years. And in spite of the fact that the newspapers preserved for future reference which the Library receives only one copy were withdrawn from circulation. The galling problem of how to keep accessible and in reasonably good condition the current issues of the dailies was solved by the installation of a rack accommodating a score of newspapers.

The topics upon which the Division was called upon to furnish information ranged all the way from the racial affinities of the Poles to the names which might appropriately be bestowed upon Russian wolfhounds in order to register them with the American Kennel Club.

Additions of more than usual importance were made to practically all the collections comprised in the Division. Besides Soviet publications and some of less recent volumes, the Russian accessions include a number of rare 17th century books. Foremost among these is "Rossiiski Featr," 42 parts, St. Petersburg, 1786-94, a collection of Russian plays and librettos, undertaken at the initiative of Princess Dashkova, a close friend and ally of Empress Catherine II, and something of a playwright herself.

The section of Polish literature benefited by a single large purchase, the second only to that of the previous year: some 600 books and pamphlets coming from a private library in Warsaw and consisting mostly of works on the history of Poland. The choicest item in this collection is a complete file (1877-1918) of "Kwartalnik Historyczny," the quarterly of the Historical Society of Lwow.

Through the acquisition of over 200 volumes bearing the imprint of the Slav Academy of Sciences and Arts at Zagreb, the Library has succeeded in completing its files of four of the series issued by that learned body, namely "Zbirka" (Proceedings), "Ljetopis" (Reports), "Monumenta spectantia historiam Slavorum meridionalium," and "Monumenta historico-juridica Slavorum meridionalium." In May a group of prominent Serbs, Croats, and

Slovenes formed a Yugoslav Committee of Friends of The New York Public Library. It was instrumental in adding some 150 books and pamphlets to the collection.

Official and academic publications continued to come in abundance from Czecho-Slovakia, as did also scholarly works from the old Shevchenko Society in Lwow and the newly-founded Academy of Sciences in Kiev, the two main centers of Ukrainian scholarship.

The growth of the collection due to the acquisitions of the previous year necessitated further elaboration of the classification scheme and much shifting of books, after additional space was assigned to the Division in Stack VI. Some Polish and Czech books were placed on the open shelves of the reading room, besides the Russian volumes heretofore ranged there, which circumstance gave satisfaction to not a few readers. A great deal of time was spent in preparing records for the National Union List of Serials. In connection with this work the Division cleared up arrears as regards the cataloguing of periodicals, but was thereby forced to postpone the cataloguing of non-serial literature. By the end of the year this amounted to nearly 3,000 titles, and there were also many shelves of volumes waiting to be analyzed. This undigested material is the Division's major problem.

ORIENTAL DIVISION

The interest in the Oriental collection waxes stronger every year. The many Orientals who are in this city, some from Northern Africa, some from China and Japan, have learned to come to the Library to find books printed in their native countries or to learn what scholars in Europe and America are thinking and writing about the civilizations and religions with which they are familiar. Western students of these subjects, so much to the fore at the present moment, have also come in increasing numbers, to procure information from the printed material and from those in direct charge of the collection. It is, therefore, not without reason that the readers in the Oriental Room numbered 8,006 during the year 1925; and that the number of volumes consulted rose to 21,552, as compared with 7,695 readers and 20,126 volumes consulted in 1925.

The bibliography of the works and articles in the Library dealing with ancient Egypt was published in book form during the year. Good progress has been made upon a list of references to modern Egypt, which it is hoped to publish soon.

The acquisitions have been numerous; and the attempt has been made to keep pace with the large output of books especially in Eastern countries. Indian philosophy and Indian religions have received especial attention.

The department has received a most welcome gift through the Siamese Minister at Washington, his Excellency Bewri Navaraster. This is a copy of the Pali Jatakathakatha, an important Buddhist work, in Siamese characters.

dition was put forth under the patronage of the Queen-Aunt of His Majesty the King of Siam, as a thank offering for the attainment of her sixtieth birthday. In addition to this came a gift from the same quarter of a volume published for her Royal Highness Krom Khun Suddha Sininardh, also as a thank offering on the occasion of her sixtieth birthday.

Among other interesting books that have come to the Oriental collection are mentioned the completed Syriac Chronicle of Michael the Syrian; Enrico Valeriani's "Atlante del Basso ed Alto Egitto" (Florence, 1835); a considerable volume by Albert Grünwedel, entitled "Die Teufel des Avesta ihre Beziehungen zur Ikonographie des Buddhismus Zentral Asiens" (Munich, 1914); Zabelle C. Boyajian's "Gilgamesh: A Dream of the Eternal Youth," beautifully illustrated and provided with an introduction by the eminent Egyptologist, Sir E. A. Wallis Budge (London, 1924); and Mark Tarski's "Ginza, Der Schatz," the first complete translation of this important and fundamental work, out of which the small, but very interesting sect of the Mandæans in Southern Babylonia, have drawn the elements of their faith.

JEWISH DIVISION

The year 1925 has been one of steady increase and development in every branch of the work. The importance of the Division as a cultural center is indicated by the large number of readers and the number of books consulted by them during the year just ended. The number of readers for the year 1925 was 36,644 and the volumes consulted numbered 109,519. The number does not include the books available from the open shelves; the number of books sent to readers working in other rooms in the building averaging about five a day. These figures indicate a considerable increase compared with those of the preceding year. This is partly to be accounted for by the use of current Jewish newspapers which were transferred to the Division, January 1, 1925, and of which no special statistics are kept. On the other hand all possible means have been employed to exclude from the Division readers who do not use books belonging to the Library and falling outside the scope of the Division. Lack of space made it necessary at times to advise readers to go to other rooms in the building. It is not likely that the future will bring a decrease in the number of readers. If their increase continues, it will be necessary to provide larger accommodations within the Division.

There can be no doubt that the future will bring an ever-increasing number of readers interested in Jewish literature. This ever-growing interest on the part of Jews and non-Jews alike in the life and literature of the Jews and their influence on civilization, is sufficient to justify such expectation. The progress of Jewish learning in America can to a certain extent be gauged by

the activities of the readers. With the rise and growth of every new center of Jewish learning in this country there is a corresponding increase in the demands made on the resources of the Jewish Division.

ECONOMICS DIVISION

The Economics Division has again to report a large and growing demand for information of a statistical nature. An occasional visitor asks for a particular book, but in general statistical research predominates.

The subjects and commodities regarding which statistics are required are innumerable, but during the past year there has been a noticeable demand for documents showing the financial condition of European national and local governments. It has been obvious since the war that more foreign loans would be offered in New York than in former years. With this in mind the Library has been trying for some time to secure complete files of budgets, financial reports, laws and ordinances of European governments. Though these efforts have not been without success, the collection is still far from satisfactory. The files of German official publications seem particularly difficult to secure, and it is information concerning German loans that has been most in demand of late.

The list of economic and sociological periodicals has taken a great deal of the time of the Staff during the year and four more sections were published in the "Bulletin." Some of the remaining parts will be issued shortly.

The Research Room, as always, has been in constant use. Representatives of eleven associations and foundations have used the room, many of them for long periods. Among them are the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, Bureau of Personnel Administration, Labor Bureau, National Bureau of Economic Research, Workers Education Bureau, and Rockefeller Foundation.

PERIODICALS DIVISION

During the year the steady increase in the use of periodicals has been studied to learn the source and character of the demand. For a short period a tabulated record was kept of the single titles called for in one day. The result showed an average of 600 separate titles, covering almost as many varied interests, out of an average of 1,671 numbers or issues of periodicals called for. The total number of periodicals used during the year is 599,777 (an increase of 89,898 over 1925) issued to 422,658 readers (an increase of 52,141).

The continued growth of the Division would be difficult to handle were it not that the increase is mainly in the class of information seekers who come with a purpose, knowing definitely just what is wanted and departing as soon as the specific information is secured. The frequent telephone inquiries demonstrate that the Division is being recognized as a source of current and recent information.

While the year has held no outstanding change or rearrangement, the general routine has been more closely organized so that the additional growth has been met with the existing Staff and equipment. A temporary card indexing the more important topics has greatly facilitated finding the material desired by readers and answering their queries before the general printed editions have been received. An instance showing the usefulness of this file occurred recently when the Labour Party in England held a conference at Bournemouth. Certain shop committees and work committees were formed. In this country these committees were of vital interest to those concerned in labor problems. The newspapers here and abroad stated what had happened, how the action had been accepted, and gave a general idea of the importance and value of such committees; they did not, however, give the exact names or points of each committee as passed upon at the Conference, nor did they analyze the detailed results. The preliminary index maintained by the Periodicals Division allowed the Staff to pass these points on to inquirers of a large industrial corporation as soon as the magazines arrived that contained the detailed narrative.

The consultation of entire files by readers engaged in extensive study has made it necessary to add more tables. It is heavy physical work to get from the shelves and give out as many as 2,454 periodicals in one day, all of which must be taken in again and arranged in their proper places on the shelves. There is also the constant coming and going of several thousand readers, together with the steady daily arrival of a hundred or more new periodicals.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

Important changes have been made in the administration of this Division. The information desk at the end of the north hall has again proved its value in assisting readers in the use of the catalogue, in answering questions, and in the constant use of a large number of trade directories. During the year was published "A list of references on the chemistry and manufacture of writing and printing inks," including an annotated list of patents issued in the United States and several foreign countries. The list on "Selenium," which was considerably delayed, is nearly ready for the press. Other lists, nearly completed, are "The Manufacture of Matches," "The Chemistry of Starch and Amylase," "The Slide Rule and some allied Instruments," "Insulating Materials," and "Circuit Breakers and Switches for high tension Currents."

Noteworthy among the many subjects claiming the attention of readers is the relation of weather and business; mining and geology, including the production and marketing of petroleum and its products; recent developments in organic chemistry, namely rayon, or artificial silk, and artificial leather of the bakelite type. Coincident with the phenomenal growth of the rubber industry has been the demand for suitable solvents and plasticisers. The compounds, hitherto comparatively unimportant, have become in-

dustrially important, and many readers, not always of the "research" type, have been initiated into the intricacies of Beilstein's cyclopedia. Also of interest has been the sudden demand for references on tetraethyl lead, suggested as an "anti-knock" compound for automotive engines. Colloid chemistry, catalysis, and atomic structure have been the subjects of numerous inquiries. Notable in the field of catalysis is the synthetic production of methyl alcohol from water gas — a German process which seems to have caused some uneasiness among American manufacturers.

Typical of specific questions occurring in the regular routine are: What organic dye will dissolve in gasoline and impart to it a green color? What is the lowest freezing point of a combination of glycerin, alcohol, and water? What is the chemical composition of malted milk? How may the boiling point of carbolic acid be calculated at pressures higher than those given in the usual tables? How may the freezing point of cod-liver oil be lowered? How is ozonized turpentine made?

The chemical essay contests sponsored by the American Chemical Society have created a demand for information relating to assigned subjects. Among inquiries over the telephone came: "What are the elements of man?" meaning, "What are the chemical constituents of the human body?" More than one anxious inquirer has sought for an unfailing detector of wood alcohol in questionable grain alcohol.

Toy-making, radio, ship models, and aeronautics have been prominent subjects. A petroleum geologist requested data on the use of the aeroplane in mapping oil fields. The following queries have been selected from the diaries of the division: The history of tin cans. The history of the needle. Prices and weights of the various makes of automobiles. The Hughes induction balance. Recipes for shoe polishes. Notable train speeds. Terms used in ship rigging. Painting of automobiles. Preparation of alligator skins. Manufacture of mohair. Chemical analysis of bone. How to write engineering reports. Periodicity of sun-spots. Manufacture of glazed paper. Phototelegraphy. Measurement of the color characteristics of paper. Lohmanized steel. Application of spectrum analysis to biology. How many eclipses have been observed in Palestine? Latest theories of the earth's origin. The extraction of gold from sea-water. Therapeutic value of color and sound. Relation between the sun's ultra-violet radiation and the earth's atmosphere. Text of speech by Cecil Rhodes concerning the relation of mining to other industries. A theatrical company desired to use "fourth dimensional" diagrams in their scenic effects.

NEWSPAPER DIVISION

The outstanding feature of the work of the Newspaper Division has been the constantly increasing number of serious workers who have made use of the Division. Indeed it would seem that the reader bent on research in newspapers is encroaching on the territory of the seeker after news.

e trained historical student now realizes that the newspaper is an
onscious and authoritative record of the mind of a people," and is
ng the mine of valuable material contained in the daily press. The
t is much that is worth while, not to say valuable in bibliography, thesis,
graph, history, or occasional novel.

jects of a few of the bibliographies for which the division supplied
rial during 1925, were, "A Hundred Years of Grand Opera in New
, 1825-1925," "New York City Newspapers, 1820-1850," "List of
es in the American Press on the Life of Goethe and His Influence in
rica." Subjects of doctor's theses were, to mention a few, "History of
c Education," "Popular and Diplomatic Opinion Regarding the Con-
of Vienna," "American Opinion of German Unification, 1848-1871,"
nomic Aspects of Secession."

e newspaper file was useful also to writers of monographs, one, "The
ican Merchant Marine, 1840-1860," the other, "Andrew Johnson."
s of longer works were, "Life of Thomas Paine," "History of Opera
e United States, 1875-1925," "Life of Steele Mackaye," "Life of
Purroy Mitchel."

sides this more scholarly work, the newspapers supplied material for
zine articles of various kinds, notably one on the "History of the Sunday
paper," by a well-known professor of journalism. Files of the current
d States papers were used to collect material on current opinion on
gn relations of the United States, for use by an organization engaged
ernational welfare work. The foreign dailies were especially valuable
pinion on the Locarno conference. The eclipse of the sun brought a
number of newspaper writers to the early files for accounts of the
e of the sun visible in New York on June 16, 1806.

e special feature and Sunday supplement writer is truly much indebted
e old newspaper file for a large part of his material. The writer of
zine fiction, especially for the "detective" magazine, often finds news-
accounts of murders profitable.

January, 1925, the thirty Jewish newspapers current in the division
transferred to the Jewish Division, and although the attendance was
ished somewhat for a month or two, it reached its former status when
s equal in number to the ones transferred were added to the current list.
ring the summer months, 3,300 duplicate volumes were placed on
es in the cellar. About twice as many more duplicates are waiting for
es, and with the prospect of more duplicates frequently presented, one
crying needs of the Newspaper Division is for shelving.

would be a great convenience to research workers if a separate room
be provided for them, with adequate space and lighting facilities. It is
lt to serve the student adequately if he is obliged to be surrounded by
readers of the day's news.

Beginning with July, 1925, one of the principal New York City dailies has been bound three volumes to the month instead of two as formerly. This method of binding makes the volumes much easier to handle and results in much less wear and tear on them. Three days' issues of out-of-town papers are now placed on the stands instead of a week's file, and this has seemed to be a convenience to the public, besides serving to keep the papers in more presentable shape.

The Division was receiving at the end of the year 1925, 220 current newspapers from the United States and 166 from foreign countries.

Purchases during the year include the "New York Call," January, 1917, to September, 1921. A few of the gifts to the division were 580 volumes of New York City newspapers from the office of the "New York Telegram," a volume of the "Williamsburgh Gazette and Long-Island Chronicle," 1838-39, from Mr. T. D. McGregor, two volumes of the "Richland Courier," Pulaski, N. Y., 1848-50, from Mr. J. E. Abbott, and from the New York representative of the "San Francisco Chronicle," 144 bound volumes of that newspaper, a complete file from 1913 to 1924, inclusive. This proved a welcome addition to the file of San Francisco papers in the Library, replacing much worn volumes in bad condition. Few out-of-town papers receive the use given to those of San Francisco, probably because the file in this Library and that in the Library of Congress are the only ones easily available for consultation in the East. Of the "Chronicle" the file is now complete from July, 1909. It is of interest to note in this connection that the "Bulletin" is represented from 1855 through 1918 without a break except between October, 1896, and May, 1906. The "Daily Alta California" runs through 1851 and 1852 with a broken file. There are 30 issues of the "San Francisco Daily Herald" in 1851 to 1855; a file of the weekly "City Argus" in 1878-1879, and of "Organized Labor" between 1909 and 1916, and 1921 and 1923.

The number of readers signing slips for books was 167,972, and the number of volumes called for was 184,175, a daily average of 461 readers and 505 volumes.

Each day, month, year, brings forcibly to mind the inevitable disappearance of all newspapers printed since the introduction of wood pulp stock. Files in constant demand are too fragile for rebinding after a few years have passed since their first printing. The next generation may know by tradition or hearsay that certain newspapers were published, but verification of the statement or consultation of the files will be attained only by means of a pilgrimage to distant shrines where the daily use is less than in a public library in a busy city.

The list of newspapers displayed on the reading stands is, as usual, included in the Statistical Appendix.

EXHIBITIONS

The exhibition of a large number of unusual manuscripts and drawings representative of three centuries of English literature, all owned by the Pierpont Morgan Library, was opened on December 8, 1924, and during the remainder of that month had an unprecedented attendance of 47,647 visitors. It continued through April 8, 1925, reaching a total attendance of 123,456. A catalogue, printed by the Pierpont Morgan Library, preserves and references the contents of this valuable exhibition.

From May 12th through October 3d, the Main Exhibition Room had on display large selections from the Robinson Locke Dramatic Collection, constituted by items lent by a number of collectors, all representing in a literary and pictorial way the last "Sixty Years of the New York Stage." There were 117,699 visitors to this exhibition.

The Authors' Club requested the help of the Library in a Walt Whitman exhibition of manuscripts, first and other editions, association copies, perquisites, portraits, paintings, photographs, and other items, which were all lent by private collectors in and about New York. Opened on November 1st, it continued through January 10th, of the new year, with a total attendance of 56,880.

The smaller exhibits were organized in the smaller exhibition room, but no record of visitors has been kept. The exhibition of books representative of the work of European medallists from the Renaissance to the present time, which had been opened on November 1, 1924, was continued into the new year through February 2d. The Isaac N. Seligman Collection of Washington Irving manuscripts, books, drawings, and prints, was again on view on April 3d. In September it was removed to be catalogued, and returned to its permanent exhibition in the rear of the main corridor, the location having changed from a loan to a gift, as is elsewhere reported. The Harlem Town and Library exhibition is described in the section of this report devoted to the Circulation Department.

In December, Miss Ernestine Rose, Librarian of the 135th Street Branch, aided by members of her staff, set up an exhibition of "Negro Harlem — Community and the Library," which is suggestive of "the wealth of material that awaits study." It is continued into the new year and is elsewhere reported more fully.

The visitors to the William Augustus Spencer Collection of finely illustrated books in fine bindings numbered 185,900 during the year.

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL PUBLICATIONS

Lists of the Library's resources on various subjects are printed from time to time in the Bulletin, and afterwards as pamphlets, or as substantial volumes according to the extent of the subject. In 1925 appeared "Provençal

Literature & Language; including the Local History of Southern France; a list of References in The New York Public Library," a quarto of 885 pages. It had been printed serially in the Bulletin between June 1921 and December 1922. The compiler of this was Mr. Daniel C. Haskell, Assistant Bibliographer, whose name appears on the title-page of some of these large bibliographical separates, but whose work as reviser and proof-reader is also an aid to the accuracy of most of the bibliographies compiled by others.

In 1925, other bibliographical publications included: "Editions of Beaumarchais available for Study in New York City," compiled by Miss Harriet Dorothea Macpherson; "The Eno Collection of New York City Views," by Dr. Frank Weitenkampf; "Check-List of Early English Printing in The New York Public Library," by Mr. Haskell; and "A Hundred Years of Grand Opera in New York," by Mr. Julius Mattfeld [not yet published as a separate], and "Ancient Egypt," by Miss Ida A. Pratt, which appeared in the "Bulletin" in 1924.

ACQUISITION DIVISION

During 1925 the total number of pieces received by purchase, gift and exchange was 213,808; for 1924 the corresponding figure was 202,391; for 1923, 188,664.

The total expenditure including special funds was \$154,378.58. Exclusive of special funds, \$77,229.55 was expended. Of this amount, \$40,708.74 was allotted to the purchase of periodicals and public documents, including both current issues and back files. For books old and new, \$36,520.81 was appropriated. Volumes acquired by purchase amounted to 25,723; pamphlets, 8,520; documents, 3,721; maps, 37; and prints, 26.

From special funds, 1,412 volumes were purchased and 1,198 pamphlets. These figures are slightly less than those of the previous year, which were affected by the purchase of large numbers of books and pamphlets acquired at special discounts in Russia, Poland, and the Baltic states.

The number of periodicals of more than annual frequency currently received now totals 13,493. During the year, 1,968 titles were added, and 732 deducted, leaving a net increase of 1,236. The count of annuals and biennials received shows that 8,735 are received currently.

The number of gifts shows a considerable increase over the preceding year. Volumes received number 41,375, as compared with 39,699, and pamphlets, 131,786, as compared with 119,362. The total valuation in 1925 was \$52,022.15, as compared with \$32,212.14 in 1924. Maps received by gift numbered 772 and prints 523.

THE PREPARATION DIVISION

a detailed statement, of the work of the Preparation Division, reference may be made to the statistical appendix. In this part of the report it may be said to reduce to simplest terms the work finished in 1925. Just as the number of readers served in the Library shows a decided increase, the number of volumes catalogued is much larger than in previous years. In 1925 the number of titles catalogued were 68,685 (comprising 100,289 volumes or

expressed in terms of percentage, the increase in the number of volumes catalogued was 45 as compared with 1920, 48 in the number of slips sent to the printer, 55 in the number of accessions handled, and 119 in the number of volumes bound.

During 1925 there were 71,787 volumes and pamphlets added to the collection already available for use by the public. This makes the total number of volumes of the reference department, 1,739,484 volumes and pamphlets at the end of 1925.

One of the most important steps taken during the year was the work on the cards in the Reserve Room. These have been catalogued in various ways with varying degrees of completeness of cards and with varying points of view during the past quarter century. With the year just passed came the beginning of an effort to whip into uniformity with other groups in the Library the cataloguing and classification of this most important section of

the largest collection handled during the year was the Jerome B. Howard Collection. Mention should be made also of the Miskovsky Collection of Bohemian books, and the Henry George Collection of books, pamphlets and periodicals relating to the single tax.

In 1925 for the first time in several years an attempt was made to estimate the number of cards in the division catalogues. There are now about 1,000,000 in the public catalogue, and 4,000,000 in the other catalogues throughout the division.

A serious problem confronts the Library in connection with the card catalogue. There is no question that this is a flexible instrument and a guide which is never far from being up to date. There is likewise no question that it is not as convenient to consult as a printed catalogue. It would be a waste of time to attempt to bring forward all the arguments that easily come to mind in face of an attempt to settle whether either form of catalogue is really ideal. There is, however, no question about the hard use of the cards in the public catalogue. They are bethumbed, sadly worn at the edges, and more popular classes present an ever insistent demand for reprinting. Although this step is not difficult to take, it means slowing up service to the public while the cards are out, and it necessarily means cutting down the number of cards available for printing.

BINDERY

(This section of the report is a reprint, by courtesy of the writer, and of "The American Printer," of an article in that magazine, for January 5, 1926, on "Bookbinding in The New York Public Library." The author is John Archer, Superintendent of the Printing Office and Bindery.)

To the proposition "That books might endure," The New York Public Library established a bindery within its walls more than fifteen years ago. Few of the many thousand visitors and readers who enter the main building of the Library give any thought to the work involved in repairing or rebinding of the books that are crowded on the shelves in the various rooms and stacks. An immense assortment, from every country, in every known language, and almost every variety of the printer's and bookbinder's art, is available to those who come to the Library in search of knowledge. Here readers may find manuscripts on vellum, books on hand-made paper and all kinds of rag paper, and, sad to say, thousands printed on common wood pulp paper, the life of which is destined to be short.

The need for such a division as a bindery in a great public library is apparent. Books, government reports, documents, periodicals, newspapers, maps, prints, portfolios and pamphlets are being constantly received. These must be arranged and catalogued, then sent to the bindery to be bound and put in convenient form for their own protection and the use of the reader.

Practically every style and method of binding is employed, including extra work in full leather, regular library binding in full buckram, half and three-quarter leather, pamphlet binding, blank book and check book binding. Loose-leaf binders of many kinds are made for the different departments, as are manuscript containers, card boxes and cases of many varieties. Some books are on such poor paper that they are rapidly falling to pieces, and when they are not of sufficient value to justify the expense of either the silk or Japanese tissue method of preservation, boxes or containers are made for them. The bindings of scrap books, large books of art plates, atlases and the making of portfolios are other interesting items of the work.

The Library is a thorough believer in the idea of "A stitch in time." By systematically going over the huge collection of books in the stacks and reading rooms, mending those requiring slight repairs and treating leather bindings with neatsfoot oil, castor oil and lanolin, the rebinding of many volumes is prevented or postponed.

For this purpose a glass-topped table on wheels, with compartments for the articles and materials needed for mending, has been made in the library carpenter shop. It is moved from stack to stack, and one day of each week it is taken to special reading rooms where the need of slight repairs to many books is most urgent. Taking care of books before they become badly worn lengthens the time of service before rebinding is necessary, and the movable mending table has proved its usefulness from the start.



COLLATING AND MENDING BOOKS



EXTRA OR FINE BINDING



COVERING AND BINDING BOOKS



COVERING NEWSPAPERS WITH JAPANESE TISSUE

selecting materials for our bindings, the first question asked is "How will it wear?" Only the best materials, proved by test and experience, are used by the Library. Boards, thread, leather, cloth and glue are selected with the utmost care. The average man gives little thought to the quality of the materials used in the binding of the book he looks at. When a book is bound, the boards are never seen, and it is possible for a binder to cover an inferior board with leather or cloth, and the volume, while new, to have the appearance of being well bound. If such a book is subjected to hard usage, the quality of the boards will soon be apparent, as the corners and edges of the boards will be battered and squashed. Only hard rolled, semi-tar boards are used in our bindery.

Wool thread is used exclusively for handsewing, while cotton thread is used on the oversewing machines. Previous to 1923 all books bound in the Library were hand-sewed, as many as twenty-four handsewers being employed at one time. Since the installation of two oversewing machines, only handsewers are required to do the work outside the range of these machines.

For all materials for book covers, leather has almost every desirable quality. It is durable, can be worked to advantage by the forwarder and finisher, and no other material takes hand tooling and gold as leather does. It is good looking, delightful to handle, and up to a comparatively recent date has been specified for books that are required to be strongly bound.

In this day and age the race for cheapness and quantity, rather than quality, has resulted in deplorable deterioration of bookbinding leather. Leather on most books bound during the last fifty years has perished. In 1900 the London Society of Arts and Sciences appointed a committee of experts to investigate the premature decay of modern bookbinding leather and find a remedy. An exhaustive report was issued in 1905 with plates showing the different stages of decay and the action of the various chemicals in tanning, as well as samples of leather prepared in accordance with the conclusions. Despite the fact that this committee presented the reasons for leather decay and suggested a remedy, we are still unable to purchase leather of any grade with the absolute assurance that it is acid free and will stand the test of time. Many recent leathers show evidence of decay after a short period as five or ten years. This decay is caused by the use of tanning materials other than oak or sumach, such as sulphuric and other mineral acids, for the purpose of removing the natural grease or nourishment from the skin. The use of bleaching agents and other acids to produce evenness of color also produce this decay if these acids are not entirely neutralized or removed.

The Library must bind some books in leather, and our experience has been the same as that of others. We endeavor to purchase acid-free skins, and where we have not been entirely successful, have found that imported skins have given better service than domestic. Leather is used only when necessary

for the sake of uniformity in the continuation of sets that have been previously bound that way.

For library books receiving hard usage, buckram has proved to be the most practical cloth for book covers. Almost ninety per cent of the books bound in the Library are bound in buckram. It comes in many colors, and when manufactured to meet the standards of the United States Government, it must not change in color when exposed to direct sunlight or to the action of ammonia gas or illuminating gas. It must also be immune to the growth of mold or the attack of insects.

Newspaper volumes in the Library were bound with leather backs and cloth sides a generation ago. The leather decayed, and full canvas or heavy duck was then used. Newspapers make large, heavy volumes that are sometimes stored flat on the shelves. The rough canvas sides proved to be such excellent dust collectors that full buckram was next resorted to. Even buckram proved to have insufficient strength for the backs of such large volumes, and we are now using strong canvas backs with buckram sides.

Manuscripts, historical records and rare books are received by the Library, many very old and in need of restoration and repair. This work is most exacting, requiring skilled artisans, who with deft hands and great patience restore and repair these precious documents. It frequently occurs that the value of an old book demands that it be kept in the original binding. Such volumes are repaired and the old bindings retained. Open slip cases and solander cases are sometimes made to protect these bindings.

Each individual manuscript or document presents some new problem. Some are dog eared, worm eaten and torn. Carefully mended, with missing pieces neatly fitted in, a strong and satisfactory restoration is made by covering both sides of the paper with silk chiffon. In books antedating 1870, the paper is generally of rag stock, and though some of these are torn and mutilated, the problem is mostly one of mending and rebinding.

How newspapers are preserved

Soon after the general use of wood pulp for paper stock it was known that the life of such paper was comparatively short. The constant patching and repatching of the sheets of our newspaper volumes led us to seek a more permanent treatment. We knew the sheets must be treated in such a manner as to exclude light and air, direct causes of disintegration of newsprint stock. We tried a liquid celluloid; shellac and glycerine; shellac, turpentine and paraffine; carbon tetra-chloride and paraffine; a flexible varnish. Some were put on with a brush, some sprayed and some by dipping. We also tried nitrate cellulose and a preparation of linseed oil and rosin. They all had drawbacks. Some made the paper transparent, some made the ink run, and some left the surface sticky. The chemicals were expensive, hard to apply, disagreeable in odor, and not feasible when torn sheets had to be patched and mended.

We came to the conclusion that the thing needed was the application of some flexible material that would strengthen the paper and be transparent

to allow the text to be easily read through it. We already knew of the chiffon treatment, but it was expensive and it failed to provide the covering we felt was necessary. Its threads offered little more than a screen and gave ample opportunity for the free oxygen of the air to reach the chlorine in the paper.

On the use of Japanese tissue we found the most satisfactory solution. Each sheet of newspaper is covered on both sides with the tissue. A pure rice paste was selected only after a test by the U. S. Bureau of Standards, the result showing nothing harmful to paper in the paste. After the sheets are mounted between the sheets of Japanese tissue, they are hung up to dry, pressed and run through a gas heated mangle with steel rollers, to get out all irregularities. The sheets are then assembled, sewed and bound, the volume of one month's papers of a New York daily being only half an inch thicker than an untreated volume. At first the work was very slow but we have since adapted a pasting machine to our needs and lessened the amount of labor materially. We still hope for a better, more economical method than the Japanese tissue, but are convinced that this method of mounting is the best known so far.

The bindery is equipped with modern appliances and machinery for bookbinding work. Since the inception of the bindery, employees have been selected for their aptitude and ability. We are proud to say that skilled men and women in our bindery, breathe into their work, a spirit of craftsmanship, and that books might endure."

GIFTS AND PURCHASES

Gifts of books and other material, not mentioned elsewhere, the following are notable:

In addition to the famous collection of manuscripts, books, drawings and prints, relating to Washington Irving, presented by Mrs. Isaac M. Seligman and the supplementary gift of Mr. George S. Hellman described in the Manuscript Division report, Mrs. Seligman remembered the Library a miscellaneous collection of books, pamphlets and photographs, including works on art and architecture, art catalogues, and the complete works of Victor Hugo, the International edition.

From the Estate of Logan G. McPherson, the Library received the chair commonly known as the Washington Irving Chair (his favorite chair) and formerly belonging to Mrs. Isabel Herron Hoge.

The Library's collection of books on shorthand was enriched by the gift of a fine library of Norman P. Heffley, of Brooklyn, N. Y., which numbered over two thousand two hundred pieces, and by the Jerome B. Howard Collection, also on shorthand, part of which was a gift from the National Association of Editors and Reporters' Association, the remainder being purchased by the

Memories of a gallant fighter are evoked at the sight of the manuscripts and books by and relating to Henry George, which were presented to the Library by Anna George de Mille, of Los Angeles, California. Henry George's two campaigns for mayor of New York, the world-wide circulation of his famous book, his own high character and the industry and care with which he prepared his works, make him an attractive and interesting figure. Mrs. de Mille, who is a daughter of Henry George, and wife of the playwright, William Churchill de Mille, has put a mass of valuable source material at the disposal of the public. Among this collection of volumes, pamphlets, engravings, clippings, photographs, manuscripts, etc., were a number of daguerreotypes of Henry George at various ages.

Mrs. George Kennan, of Medina, New York, presented a number of Russian books and pamphlets, and also four volumes of a rare Russian periodical entitled "Messenger of the Will of the People," as a continuation of the gift of her late husband.

From the American Federation of Labor, Washington, D. C., was received a collection of books, pamphlets, portfolios, scrapbooks and albums, containing letters, clippings, photographs, etc., relating to Samuel Gompers.

The Explorers Club sent the Library seven Log-Books about the Arctic Voyages of Captain William Scoresby, Senior, of Whitby, England. They were issued in fac-simile by the Explorers Club, with reproductions in color of portraits in oils of Captain William Scoresby, Jr. There also came from the Explorers Club, an introductory brochure edited by Frederick S. Dellenbaugh. This is number nine of the three hundred copies printed.

Thoughts of the crusades and the wars of Henry the Fourth of France, of the troubadours and of the great Duc de Sully, of medieval sieges of Coucy and of its occupation by the Germans ten years ago, come over anyone who glances at the collection given by Mr. Theodore Gilman. As a member of the Bethune family, Mr. Gilman's interest in Maximilien de Bethune, Duc de Sully, led him to collect anything he could find relating to the companion and adviser of Henry of Navarre. The pride the duke took in his connection with Coucy naturally brought into the field books on the family of Coucy and the place itself. Thence the step was short to the story of the unfortunate lovers Raoul de Coucy and La Dame de Fayel.

Mrs. Roswell Skeel, Jr., Vineyard Haven, Mass., has presented to the Library, three portraits deserving more than passing mention. They depict her father, Gordon Lester Ford, and her two brothers, Paul Leicester and Worthington Chauncey Ford. The elder Ford collected one of the largest and most important private libraries in this country a generation ago, and the two sons carried out their father's wish by giving it to The New York Public Library on January 3, 1899. The portrait of the father is a copy made by Charlotte O. Schetter in December, 1923, from the original by Huntington. That of Paul was copied by the same artist from the original by Lillie O'Ryan, while Worthington's was painted from life by Lilla Cabot Perry in Boston, in 1924.

Walter Scott, of New York City, made a gift of a "Select Collection of original Scottish Airs for the Voice with introductory and concluding sonnet and accompaniments for the piano forte, violin and violoncello, by Haydn, Koseluch, and Haydn, with select and characteristic verses both in French and English, adapted to the airs," four volumes bound in two, containing upwards of one hundred new songs by Burns, were published in New York in 1803.

The Rosebery Burns Club at Crosshill, Glasgow, Scotland, sent the original Works of Robert Burns, volumes one to seven, embossed in Braille by the Royal Blind Asylum and School, Edinburgh.

From William Gwinn Mather, of Cleveland, Ohio, was received a volume of portraits of Increase Mather with Some Notes on Thomas Johnson, an engraving by mezzotinter, by Kenneth B. Murdock, Ph.D." The book was printed by Bruce Rogers at the Harvard University Press, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1924, from the original types of John Baskerville, owned by the Library. The edition consists of two hundred and fifty copies of which this is the 202.

Through the interest of the former Secretary of State, of the State of New York, James A. Hamilton, and the present Secretary, Mrs. Florence E. S. Hamilton, the Library has received the copy of the Bible (Douay version) which Governor Smith took his oath of office, January, 1925. The book which at his first inauguration was given to his mother. The one used at the second inauguration went to his wife, and the third, marking the induction into office of the first man since William Learned Marcy to be elected for a third term, is now in the public Library of the city of his birth.

Franklin D. Roosevelt presented the Library with a volume of the "Minutes of the Council of Appointment of New York, April 4th 1778 to May 1779," from the original manuscript in his possession, with an introduction by Dorothy C. Barck, privately printed in 1925.

From Harry Worcester Smith, of North Grafton, Massachusetts, were received two editions of "The Warwick Woodlands" by Frank Forester, the first and second editions both being written by Mr. Smith. One edition was printed in Warwick, Warwick Valley in 1921 and limited to fifty copies of which 45 came to the Library. Ninety copies of the other (Lordvale edition) were printed, ten being for presentation and review.

The John Rylands Library of Manchester, England, made a gift of a collection of reprints and other works, among which were "La Bible Historique toute figurée de la John Rylands Library," and an interesting "Catalogue of an Exhibition illustrating the History of the Transmission of the Bible" held in commemoration of the four hundredth anniversary of the printing of the first printed English New Testament 1525-1925.

From the Estate of Artemas Ward came a large collection of directories of New York, starting as early as 1797 and running through to 1917 with relatively few gaps.

Mrs. Josephine L. Grimwood and Chancellor Goold Levinson, of Brooklyn, sent a collection of books, pamphlets, periodicals, maps, engravings, charts, etc., relating to scientific subjects, and also a collection of manuscripts on radiant matter, by Wallace Goold Levinson.

Señor don Rafael Vilella Guzman, of Guatemala, Central America, presented the Library with "Cuestiones Internacionales: Una reclamacion de Guatemala a España por infidelidades en la custodia de una herencia" Guatemala, 1924. Among a number of his own works were included "De Guatemala a Puerto Barrios, Impresiones de viaje y enseñanzas del camino," "El Calvario de una herencia," and other important volumes.

A Report of the Imperial Earthquake Investigation Committee came to the Library from the Committee in Tokyo, Japan.

Mrs. James B. Keogh, of New York, sent the Library a collection of etchings and engravings by Hans Meyer, William Unger, J. W. Winkler and other American illustrators. The Library also received from Mrs. Keogh a number of volumes among which were: "Sir Edward Burne-Jones. A record and review, by Malcolm Bell," London, 1893, "The Smiling Hill-Top," by Julia M. Sloane, and others.

From Miss Ellen N. La Motte, came the "Proceedings of the British Malaya Opium Committee," "Opium in India," and other publications dealing with opium.

Dr. Charles A. Leale, of New York, presented "The Holy Bible containing the Old and New Testaments and the Apocrypha," in fourteen volumes, published by the Merrymount Press, and other volumes.

Loyal Leale, of New York, N. Y., sent a miscellaneous collection of books and pamphlets relating to military subjects, jurisprudence, etc.

From Rev. Dr. Archibald Mansfield, of New York, was received "Vollstaendiges Marburger Gesang-Buch Zur Uebung der Gottseligkeit; Worinnen 615 Auserlesene Trost-reiche Psalmen und Gesaenge Hn. D. Martin Luthers und anderer Gottseiliger Lehrer ordentlich in XII. Theile verfasset, Marburg und Frankfurt, bey Heinrich Ludwig Broenner," 1790.

Hon. Honorio Pueyrredón, Ambassador of Argentina at Washington, D. C., presented "Juan Martin de Pueyrredón," por Adrian Beccar Varela, Buenos Aires, 1924.

The Rand School of Social Science, New York, sent the Library a very large collection of books, pamphlets, periodicals and folders containing letters, clippings, pamphlets, etc., bearing on social science.

A miscellaneous collection of volumes from the Library of the late Simon Sterne was received through Mrs. Alice Allen, of New York, N. Y., an addition to the gift presented in 1924.

The Victory Hall Association of New York, sent a card index and files of the men and women of New York City, who died in the service in the late war, together with photographs and other data. There were also received from the association three or four books of clippings, concerning War Memorials in general and Victory Hall in particular.

enty-nine volumes of biographies, memoirs, and genealogical records received in the Library as gifts, representing the following individuals and families: Edwin Austin Abbey, Summerfield Baldwin, the Banning and Families, Beard, Black, Harmanus Bleeker, Brown, Castle, Crall, Dabney, De Graffenried, Denig, Dodge, Dommerich, Dorrance, du Pont, Governor Evans of Colorado; Gage, Nathaniel E. Harris, Governor of Georgia; William T. Harris, Theron Zadock Gibbs, Vin, Gottshall, Harding, Hines, Hollingsworth, Humphreys, Jackson, Jayne, Kamm, Rebekah Kohut, Johann Nicolaus Kurtz, Lamborn, Lindeseie and Limesi Families, Louise Littauer, Lovell, Elias Ly-Lynch, McQuigg, Maryon Family, Minns and Allied Families, Capt. d W. Musgrove, James Kennedy Patterson, Arthur Cecil Perry, ng, Phinizy Family, Joseph Radcliff, Ramsay, Wallace Reid, Noel nt, Schoff, Sellers and Allied Families, Sewells, Shine, Silsbees, Silver, and Morrow Families, Statham, Steen, Staudt-Stoudt-Stout, Mary ed Sullivan, Syron-Searing, Tardieu de Lanaudiere, Hector Tyndale, kmorton de Coughton, Venables, Vincents, Ward, Francis Minot Weld, ler, Wilcox, Williams, Woodruff, Wright.

ts of books, pamphlets, periodicals and manuscripts, etc., ultimately ed for the Jewish Division, came from various generous sources. ps have been added to the Library through the gifts of Dr. J. Acker- toles, of Scotch Plains, N. J.; The Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts Historical Society, The New York State Department of Works, Bureau of Canals, Regional Plan of New York and Its ons, and from O. W. Wells, of the International Surveyors Incor- d, New York, N. Y.

e Music Division received as gifts from various sources the following: Max Abelman, of Brooklyn, "The First presentation in America of wo One-Act Intermezzos. The Wake (La Veglia), Harlequin's Jeal- age (Le Furie de Arlecchino) under the Auspices of the Manufac- Trust Company in Honor of Its Stockholders, December 20th, 1924." rd Lyman Bill, Inc., of New York, sent "Piano Playing Mechanisms," illiam Braid White, New York, 1925. Mrs. F. G. Dossert, of New presented a De Luxe edition of the "Mass in B minor for four voices horus and orchestra," by Frank G. Dossert, written to commemorate olden Jubilee of His Holiness Leo the Thirteenth and at the invitation s Holiness was performed in St. Peters, Rome, April 23rd, 1893, the leadership of the composer, the Edition being limited to 200 . From Mrs. C. A. During, New York, came a collection of vocal and mental music, including compositions by Schumann, Bach, Rubinstein, ert, Liszt, Scharwenka and others. Harold Eisenberg, of New York, presented "The Art and Science of Violin Playing," volume I, New 1920. Miss Friend, The Bronx, made a gift of a large collection of and instrumental music from the estate of Mrs. Alvina Friend- imer. From Miss Margaret H. Glyn, of Ewell, Surrey, England,

were received "Orlando Gibbons 1583-1625 Complete Keyboard Works in Five Volumes. Transcribed and edited from the manuscript by Miss Glynn in London, March 1925." The Maxwellton Company of Lexington, Kentucky, presented the Library with "The Songs of Sappho, including the recent Egyptian discoveries," translated into rhymed verse by Marion Miller, Lexington, 1925; this is number 251 of 500 copies of the author's autographed edition printed on Alexandra paper, hand-bound in buff buckram and blue fabrikoid embossed with an ancient Sapphic coin. From Phil Adams Otis, of Chicago, came his volume entitled, "The Chicago Symphony Orchestra: Its Organization, Growth and Development 1891-1924." Sidney A. Reeve, also presented his work, "The Rational Theory of Music, as well as the "Reeve Rational System of Musical Notation," and others. Ewald Schniewind sent a collection of instrumental music issued by the Society for the Publication of American Music, 1920-1924. From Mr. M. D. Shatt, New York, came another collection of vocal and instrumental music, including compositions by Franz, Mendelssohn, Leoncavallo, Brahms, Schubert and others. Mrs. Virginia Vernon made a gift of a miscellaneous collection of vocal and instrumental music, including operas by Beethoven, Mozart, Verdi, Gluck, etc., compositions by Bach, Haydn, and a number of other composers.

Many American etchers and engravers have given examples of their work to the Prints Division: Mrs. Caroline H. Armington, of Paris, a collection of her etchings; Miss Mary Bonner, San Antonio, Texas, etchings by herself; Bolton Brown, of New York, a number of his lithographs; Waldo S. Chase of Bellevue, Washington, three wood-block prints in color; Timothy Colburn of Poughkeepsie, New York, engravings of "George Washington" after W. S. Conrow, "Lady Weighing Pearls" after Vermeer, and "Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy;" Emil Fuchs, of New York, two etchings; George O. Harwood of Coytesville, New Jersey, a collection of his etchings, including "The Shop Keeper's Daughter (Tahiti)" and "Concert Soloist;" H. Lindley Hafford, of St. Paul, Minnesota, three of his etchings; Arthur N. Hosking, Pelham Manor, ten prints; Miss Alice D. Laughlin, a collection of woodcuts; Nat. Lowell, his print of the "Cathedral of St. John the Divine;" H. M. Luquiens, of Honolulu, a number of etchings, aquatints, and dry points; Miss Katharine Merrill, an etching; Thomas W. Nason, "The Narrow Street," ex-libris, and other woodblock prints; Louis Orr, of Paris, "La Porte St. Martin," "La Porte St. Denis, Paris;" George T. Plowman of Cambridge, Massachusetts, "Blew Bury," "The Malt House," "Venice" and others; H. Raleigh, Westport, Connecticut, his lithographs; W. G. Reindt of Euclid, Ohio, "Pickering Place, London;" Carl Rungius, New York, an etching, "The Rivals;" Dr. W. B. S. Thomas, an etching of one of the New York Public Library Lions; A. Vargish, Union City, New Jersey, "The River;" Edward A. Wilson, New York, "Sunrise," "Ben Backstay," "Iron Men and Wooden Ships," and others; John W. Winkler, Paris, a large

tion of his etchings, including "Oriental Valley," "View from Nob" and "Small Delicatessen Booth."

Other gifts of American prints came from R. Adams, of South Orange, Jersey, who sent a collection of wood-engravings, by Joseph Alex. as well as engravings by others; Mrs. George Bellows, of New York, a number of lithographs, drawn by George Bellows, printed by Bolton; Warren C. Hutty, of New York, the etching, "Windswept," by Ed. Hutty; Richard A. Perry, of Paris, etchings by Robert F. Logan; Agnes Potter, New York, "Van Tassel's House, Irving's Residence on Banks of the Hudson," presented in memory of Dr. Lewis Clover, and "Irving's Residence on the Hudson;" E. G. Kennedy, New York, a dry point by Walter Tittle.

Foreign prints have been given by: John Anderson, Brooklyn, a miscellaneous collection of old prints, mainly by 17th century artists. Jules S. de, New York, "Le Mont Pilat" (10 bois dessinés et gravés par Alfred Dur, no. 1 of 15 copies), two woodcuts by Xavier Prinnet, six woodcuts by Emilien Dufour, six etchings by Etienne Drian, nine woodcuts by Maxime Thomas and one engraving by J. Hoffman, through the Committee of Fusion of French Art. Miss Mary Bonner, of San Antonio, Texas, etchings and woodcuts by Caretti, Javal, Coussins, King, Pradel, Naudin, Brouet and others. Dr. LeRoy Crummer and Mrs. Myrtle A. Crummer, of Omaha, Nebraska, a reproduction of a drawing and collection of posters by Laura Wright. The Great Western Railway, New York Office, posters of Oxford, Newbury, The Cornish Riviera, South Wales, and others. E. G. Kennedy, a collection of line engravings, including work by J. G. Wille and G. Ede-ck. Georges Le Meilleur, of Paris, France, a number of his etchings. Wm. Wanamaker, New York, a number of "Images d'Epinal," from the original blocks.

Friends of the Library presented many works, a number of which are privately printed. Among these donors are some who have been remembered to the Library with gifts from year to year. Spencer L. Adams, Chicago, gave a gift of his privately printed pamphlet entitled, "Old Scenes in Autumn Colors." From Mrs. John W. Alexander, New York, came "A Collection of engravings from ancient vases mostly of pure Greek Workmanship discovered in sepulchres in the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, but chiefly in the neighbourhood of Naples, during the course of the years 1769 and 1790, now in the possession of Sir William Hamilton, published by Mr. Wm. Tischbein, Director of the Royal Academy of Painting at Naples, 1791," two volumes, one of text and one of plates. Mrs. Stella Alden Alexander, Brooklyn, sent "Sermons Which Spiritually Interpret Scriptures and other writings on Christian Science, by Augusta E. Stetson" and others. James T. Anyon, New York, presented his "Recollections of the Early Days of American Accountancy, 1883-1893," a privately printed work. Miss Grace Bigelow, New York, made a gift of a large collection of books and pamphlets, including "Das Geheimnis des Schlafes," by

John Bigelow, "The Supreme Court and the Electoral Commission, an open letter to the Hon. Joseph H. Choate from John Bigelow." Miss Bigelow also presented a collection of government documents and miscellaneous reports. From Luther A. Brewer was received a pamphlet entitled "Some Lamb and Browning Letters to Leigh Hunt," privately printed for his friends. Newcomb Carlton, of New York, sent a collection of books and pamphlets covering many subjects. William Andrews Clark, Jr., of Los Angeles, presented "The Library of William Andrews Clark, Jr., Early English Literature 1519-1700, collated and compiled by Robert Ernest Cowan and William Andrews Clark, Jr., Cora Edgerton Sanders and Harrison Post," volume four, printed in San Francisco, 1925. Robert W. De Forest, New York, sent "Monsieur de Pointis Expédition to Cartagena, being a Particular Relation . . . English'd from the Original publish'd at Paris, by Monsieur de Pointis himself . . ." London, 1699, "Geschichte des Karäerthums . . . von Dr. Julius Fuerst," in three volumes, Leipzig, 1862-1869, and others. Dr. Alexander Duane, of New York, made a gift of books, pamphlets and periodicals. Charles J. Cohen, Philadelphia, presented a "History of the Penn Club," privately printed in 1924.

Mrs. Charles S. Fairchild has continued to add valuable publications to the Library's many collections. From Arthur Falkenau, New York, have been received books, pamphlets, photographs, maps, charts and postcards. R. H. Fuller, New York, sent copies of stenographic notes of addresses at a dinner tendered to the Hon. Charles Evans Hughes on November 10, 1925. "Dr. Johnson and Homer," a paper by Joannes Gennadius, Greek Minister to England, was presented by the author. This paper was read before the Johnson Club on Wednesday, October 15th, 1924, and was printed for private circulation. Fairfax Harrison, Belvoir, Virginia, made a gift of "Virginia Land Grants. A Study of Conveyancing in Relation to Colonial Politics," privately printed, 1925. Mrs. Bella C. Landauer, New York, N. Y., sent the Library "Petri Andreae Matthioli Medici Senensis Commentarii, in lib. tertium Sextum Pedacii Dioscoridis anazarbi, de Medica Materia," Venetiis, apud Vincentium Valgrisium, 1565, volumes 3-6 bound in one volume. Dr. G. Langmann, New York, works of Ovid, Amstelodam 1727, Lucian, Amstelodami 1743, and others. Helio Lobo, the Brazilian Consul General in New York, presented the Library "A Passo de Gigante" of which he is the author. In addition to this work, Mr. Lobo has presented a collection of miscellaneous books and pamphlets. Mrs. Ralph R. McKee, of St. George, Staten Island, sent number 38 of a "Catalogue of a collection of Books and Manuscripts on the War of 1812 and other Americana made by the late Mr. John W. Lowe, exhibited by the Caxton Club in Gunsaulus Hall of the Art Institute of Chicago from the 8th to the 31st of December, 1917;" fifty large paper copies of this catalogue were printed on American hand-made paper for private distribution.

Harry F. Marks, New York, presented a "Collation of the Famous Lapham-Wallace Pickwick," number 74 of the 250 copies privately printed.

man Methven, St. Martins, by Perth, Scotland, gave a pamphlet in Edinburgh, 1760, "Fragments of Ancient Poetry collected in the lands of Scotland, and translated from the Galic or Erse Language," 1st edition, in original covers. John Henry Nash, San Francisco, California, made a gift of "Migratory Books, Their Haunts and Habits," by Irving Way, privately printed by Mr. Nash for Ernest Dawson, of Los Angeles; and others. Henry King Siebeneck, Pittsburgh, presented a copy of the privately printed pamphlet, "Notes on a Small Collection of Books, compiled by the donor." Mrs. George W. Smith, New York, sent a miscellaneous collection of books. John T. Spaulding, Boston, Massachusetts, presented a portfolio of Pencil Sketches by Lester G. Hornby, privately printed for Mrs. Henry P. King and John T. Spaulding, the edition limited to one hundred copies. Prof. Joel Elias Spingarn, New York, presented his pamphlet, "The Younger Generation, and Thoreau's Letter, with a note on his correspondent Myron B. Benton, by Edwin H. Robinson;" and other "Troutbeck Leaflets." Dr. Count Paul von Sós, Budapest, Hungary, made a gift of "Abrégé de la Revue 'Revue des sciences et des lettres' parue en Hongrois, tome 1-3, l'année 1921-1923 redigé par Karoly Károlyi;" "La Bibliothèque du Roi Matthias Corvin" by A. de Hevesy, 1923, and other publications. Mr. Carlyle Thorpe, Los Angeles, California, presented his privately printed book entitled "A Journey to the Outer Sections of Europe and Asia." Alvin Seaward Van Benthuyzen, New York, sent a miscellaneous collection of books, pamphlets, etc. Mrs. Nett P. Wheeler, New York, made a gift of a collection relating to the League of Nations, Pan American International Conferences, Prohibition, etc. From Frank J. Wilstach, New York, came a volume of "Literature of the State of Dakota," by O. W. Coursey, 4th edition. Col. Arthur Woods, New York, presented the "Disaster of September 1st, 1923, as it affected Tokyo Imperial University and other places," compiled by the Tokyo Imperial University Library. Dr. Jonathan Wright, Pleasantville, New York, presented reprints of his "Essays in Medical History," "The Revival of Mysticism" and "The Legend of Socrates."

The following Trustees of this Library made gifts of value to the Reference Department. Monsignor Joseph H. McMahon presented "La Preuve en Droit. Livre d'Or du Clergé et des Congregations," 1914-1922, vol. 1, 1925. J. Pierpont Morgan, "A Map of the Province of New York and Part of Pensilvania and New England, from an Actual Survey by William Montresor, Engineer, 1775." I. N. Phelps Stokes, "Jacobi Francisci Beschreibung aller denckwürdigen Historien, so sich hin und wieder in Europa, in hoch und nider Teutschland, auch in Franckreich, Schottland, England . . . bis auf diese Fastenmessz dieses 1615 Jahrs . . . zugehörig," Franckfurt am Mayn, 1615.

As a result of a comprehensive exhibition held in the Main Exhibition Room of this Library, in the Spring, a number of interesting gifts have been received to be added to the drama collection. From Roy Day, of New

York, came a collection of programmes, photographs, half tones, newspaper clippings, etc., pertaining to the Stage, to be known as "The Roy Day Collection." This collection was started by his Father, Lewis B. Day, in the late fifties, and has been supplemented by the Wilbur D. Nesbitt Collection, and various other collections. Miss Janet McKay Cowing, of Yonkers, presented a collection of photographs of stage celebrities. Miss Gabrielle Du Sauld made a gift of some interesting items from the seventies and eighties of the last century. First in point of time comes a copy on silk of the "grand special performance" at the Grand Opera House in Ottawa on February 18, 1879, when Sardou's "Diplomacy" was produced before the Governor General, the Marquis of Lorne, and his wife, Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise. Miss Du Sauld took the part of the Countess Zicka.

The fiftieth performance of Jefferson, Taylor, and Nugent's "Great Aquatic Spectacle, 'A Dark Secret,' A Thrilling Tale of the Thames Valley, by Messrs. Jas. Willing, Jr., and John Douglas of London, England" at the Academy of Music, on Monday evening, November 7th, 1887, is marked by a programme on paper elaborately mounted on satin. Miss Du Sauld has added the manuscript note: "The first play with a tank covering the whole stage, full of water. Jefferson, son of Joseph Jefferson."

Next are two play bills for special performances of Steele Mackaye's "Hazel Kirke." The first, on silk, records the fiftieth night at the Madison Square Theatre on West 24th Street, in New York City, March 22, 1880. The second on satin, tells of the one hundredth performance on Tuesday evening, May 11th, following.

Another fiftieth performance is marked by a programme, this one on paper, issued for Bartley Campbell's "Separation" at the Union Square Theatre on the 17th of March, 1884, when Miss Du Sauld played Mlle. Florine and had with her Miss Effie Ellsler, who was Hazel Kirke in the Mackaye play.

Salvini's "Adieu to America" had a four-page programme, with a portrait of the actor and the cast of the company supporting him at Booth's Theatre on Saturday, April 28, 1883. Lewis Morrison played Iago to the Italian actor's title role.

Miss Marion S. Halsey, New York, presented the "Maude Adams Book," published by Charles Frohman, New York, 1909; "Maude Adams in Quality Street," by J. M. Barrie; and a collection of clippings. Mrs. Edward Siedle, Port Chester, presented a collection of material on stage and stagecraft. Mrs. William Trevor, New York, sent a collection of periodicals, photographs and framed programmes. Joe Weber, New York, made a gift of the engrossed "Resolutions," on parchment addressed to Weber and Fields, as a tribute from friends who recognized their public spirit in closing their theatre on the news of the assassination of President McKinley, on September 14, 1901. It was signed by the members of the Weber and Fields Dramatic Company, September 21, 1901. Paul Wilstach, New York, sent the Library a collection of photographs of Richard Mansfield at various

and as stage characters, also programmes of plays in which Richard Field acted.

The Walt Whitman exhibition, in the Fall of 1925 brought the following: From John Black, New York, an autographed postcard from Walt Whitman to John Burroughs, dated Camden, N. J., May 24, 1888; Alfred Oldsmith, New York, a framed photograph and autograph of Walt Whitman; Prof. Emory Holloway, Brooklyn, "Notes and Fragments left by Walt Whitman and now edited by Dr. Richard Maurice Bucke, one of his literary executors," printed for private distribution, 1899, number 167 of 250 copies printed, and signed by R. M. Bucke. Rev. John Haynes Holmes, New York, "Readings from Great Authors, revised and enlarged," New York, 1925.

From the Yugoslav collection in the Library generous gifts were received from the following people: Mrs. I. Altaraz, New York; Mr. Marcel de la Roche, Pleasant Plains, Staten Island; Miss Dora Ogrizovich, New York; Mrs. Srematz, New York.

Stories of foreign missionaries are represented by gifts of two authors. David Downie, of New York, who gave "The Lone Star. A History of the Pelu Mission of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society;" and the Right Rev. Henry B. Restarick, Honolulu, from whom came "Hawaii 1820-1920, from the viewpoint of a Bishop."

Pioneer days in this country has had the following interesting additions. "The Indians of Bergen County, The Final Century of the Wampum Indians in Bergen County and History of Hackensack, New Jersey," all by Mrs. A. Westervelt, presented to the Library by the Bergen County Historical Society of Hackensack; Robert K. Boyd, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, "The Story of Birch Coulee, a wounded man's description of a battle with the Indians," by the donor; "The Old Oregon Trail," given to the Library by Capt. Bruce, of New York; "What happened during One Man's Lifetime, 1820-1920," written and presented by Willard A. Burnap, Fergus Falls, Minnesota. From T. S. Dennis, Bandera, Texas, was received a copy of the story of F. M. Buckelew the Indian Captive as related by himself," written by Mr. and Mrs. Dennis. T. M. Finney made a gift of "Pioneer Days with the Sage Indians West of '96," by Wahshowgaley. Miss Edna Kenton, New York, sent "The Jesuit Relations and Allied Documents, selected and arranged by herself." Miss L. Lamprey, New York, presented Lieutenant Colyer's account of the Camp Grant Massacre in April, 1871, as printed in Colyer's report; also "Notes, being additional information received from Col. Whitman about twenty years later," by Miss Lamprey. "The Pothauge, or the First White Settlement on Long Island," was donated by the author, Frederick Van Wyck, New York, 1924. The Rev. John J. Neumann, S.J., presented his "Jesuit Martyrs of North America," New York,

from the Daily Worker Publishing Company, Chicago, and the Workers Educational Institute, Brooklyn, were received collections of radical lit-

erature, including "The Philosophy of Marx," by Harry Waton, "Anarchism and Socialism," by George Plechanoff, "The People's Marx" edited by Julian Borchardt, London, 1921, and others.

The field of sport was represented by gifts from Seymour Dunn, New York; Charles D. Lanier, New York; The Kentucky Jockey Club, Louisville, Kentucky; The Sportsman's Digest, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Over one hundred and twelve authors, not including those mentioned in the text, have presented their publications, which cover a wide range.

Many valuable donations were received from academies, societies and universities, among which were the following: Academia Româna în București, București, Roumania; Academia das Ciências de Lisboa, Lisboa, Portugal; Real Academia de Ciencias Exactas Físicas y Naturales, Madrid, Spain; Regia Università di Bologna, Bologna, Italy; Ševčenko-Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften in Lwow, Poland; Société Archéologique et historique de l'Orléanais, Orléans, France; Sveriges Geologiska Undersökning, Stockholm, Sweden; Université de Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland; Université de Louvain, Louvain, Belgium.

Government documents as well as books relating to art, history, literature and religion were received from the following countries: Albania, Algeria, Argentine Republic, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Danzig, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Esthonia, Far Eastern Republic, Federated Malay States, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, India, Irish Free State, Italy, Japan, Java, Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, Latvia, Mexico, Moçambique, Monaco, Netherlands, New South Wales, New Zealand, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Queensland, Roumania, Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, Salvador, Siam, South Australia, Spain, Sudan, Surinam, Sweden, Switzerland, Uruguay, Venezuela.

MUNICIPAL REFERENCE LIBRARY

A greater number of persons used the Municipal Reference Library during 1925 than in any other year of its existence. The total number of visitors was 41,213. This total as compared with last year's attendance of 39,285 is larger by 1,928, an increase of about five per cent. In 1918 the Library was used by 22,350 people; that number compared with the use made of the Library in 1925, shows an increase of nearly one hundred per cent.

The greater portion of the service given our patrons is reference work done in the Library. However, to some extent the books and magazines are lent to city officials and employees. During the year the circulation reached a total of 8,324 lent to 5,268 borrowers. New borrowers who registered during the year total 330.

The Library has continued its efforts to reach the municipal employees who were not conversant with the facilities offered them here. A series of

als in the weekly bulletin, the "Municipal Reference Library Notes" published. Special appeals have been made to the Chief Clerks of the various departments to assist in reaching new employees or ones not receiving the Notes. The mailing list of the publication has gradually been increased. The attendance record, the number of inquiries received and the rate of circulation shows a material increase.

The main purpose has been to improve the quality of the reference and research work done for the departments or the officials, believing that quality will guarantee that service be asked for again by the same department and that kind of service recommends the Library to other persons and departments which have not formerly used the Library. The inquiries made in the Library have reached a total of 13,600; telephone calls 3,777; and inquiries by letter requiring answers were 1,923, a total of 19,300 inquiries.

The same amount as in 1924 in the book and periodical appropriation was necessary to keep the reduced magazine subscription list. Paid subscriptions were limited to sixty. The Library has received, however, a total of 100 periodicals; five hundred have been secured as free subscriptions in exchange for the "Municipal Reference Library Notes." This plan of exchange, some on a cash basis and some on free exchange, was begun in 1924 and has continued successfully through these eight years. It has meant a saving to the Library, and it also has enabled the Library to secure copies in other periodicals, and to lay the foundation for more subscribers.

The Library continues in close contact with all city departments so it may receive all New York City publications as soon as issued. During the year, 1,010 volumes of New York City documents were received; this included annual reports, weekly and monthly current issues and special reports, and occasional odd numbers of old documents. From other cities — and including miscellaneous titles which have been requested — the Library has received 1,010 books (bound) as gifts and 3,610 pamphlets (unbound) as gifts. Books secured by purchase during the year total 139; and books received on review, without cost to the Library, number 299. Seventy-one volumes of magazines were bound. Hence a total of 7,768 books and pamphlets were added during the year — of these, the large majority were pamphlets and a goodly number were duplicates of New York City documents which are stored for future supply or use. Each year considerable material is discarded which offsets the large amount currently received. The number of volumes shelved or filed in the Library is not increasing to any great degree.

The Public Health Division, a branch of the Municipal Reference Library, maintained in the Department of Health, had an attendance during the year 1931 of 85. 2,074 books were circulated, and 3,168 periodicals were routed to officials in the Department. Telephone calls totaled 1,248 and twenty new subscribers registered. Twenty-two volumes of magazines were bound.

Inadequacy of appropriation, particularly the continuance of it for five years, made it impossible to have available reference works and up-to-date technical books which were much needed. Despite this decided handicap, the Library has continued to increase its reference work for the departments, its circulation, and the number of persons it has reached. The Library's efforts were centered on economies and methods of overcoming lack of facilities and in finding new methods of reaching the city employees. The amount of use made of the Library under these conditions is surprising and most gratifying.

LIBRARY SCHOOL

No innovations in the curriculum were introduced within the year, although plans for coördinating more fully the junior courses in Library Administration and Book Selection were developed. In accordance with practice, senior courses were shaped to meet the needs of the year; the effort was to reduce the number of individual speakers, however, and to increase the number of class hours conducted by each, with a view to giving the courses more cohesion.

The annual commencement exercises took place on Friday, June the 12th. General William Barclay Parsons served as presiding officer and made appropriate introductory remarks, after which the address of the day was given by Miss G. M. Walton, Librarian of the Michigan State Normal College at Ypsilanti. There were four candidates for diplomas and thirty candidates for certificates.

The junior registration at present is larger than at any time since before the war. Forty-four students are enrolled, of whom thirty-six are college graduates. The average age of the members of the class is something over 28 years.

Matters of outstanding interest are the announcement for 1927-28 of an advance in entrance requirements, in line with suggestions from the Board of Education for Librarianship, which will stipulate two years of approved college work as necessary for admission to the entrance examinations; the joint use for the second time of uniform entrance examinations by the Library School of The New York Public Library and the Library School of the Los Angeles Public Library; and the significant advance to positions of professional prominence and responsibility on the part of former students.

The Staff Association awarded its scholarship for 1925-26 to Mrs. Helen H. Owen, who is enrolled and is making a creditable record.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

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year began in discouragement but ended with high hopes. For five the Staff have struggled to maintain their standards of service to the but they were fighting a losing game. It was impossible to develop or to keep pace with other libraries. Each year saw fewer and fewer on the shelves, while the remaining ones were old and unattractive. Readers became discouraged and ceased to use the Library. Children young people continued to come, but they were unable to find the books needed to take home to read or study, so they crowded the reference and there read the best they could find. As the books had to be led because of age, and as they could not be replaced, the Branchians bent every effort to keep in the reading rooms at least one copy in standard and important book. In many children's rooms the shelves circulation sections were practically empty; all that remained were the big room books. The work with schools was maintained almost entirely use of reference and reading room copies.

Throughout these trying years the Staff labored nobly. Always underpaid, had for more than five years no general salary increases. With no system in the Library, there are some who have served the City many years and now feel the need of retiring from active work, but for lack of sort of retiring allowance, they must work on. Hampered by such al, acute difficulties, and unable to serve the public as they would e of lack of books, the Staff have shown a fine and brave spirit that es highest praise.

he summer the Staff Association organized a campaign to bring to the on of the public and the officials of the City the desperate plight Library, for lack of adequate maintenance. A dignified and able admirably maintained for several months, resulted in increased appropriations of \$350,000, for 1926, for the Circulation Department. Better s and the prospect of a gradually improving supply of books, naturally he whole Staff eager to meet the new opportunities.

great has been the devastation of the book stock in the five lean years, cannot be completely reconstructed in the coming year. A vast number ks must be discarded, and the replacements cannot much more than ace. A good beginning will, however, be made, and it is hoped that mmer, many of the bookless shelves will once again have something ive for the reader.

erence books must be renewed, and many urgently needed new ones e secured. They are expensive and the progress cannot be rapid.

ss in the number of books lent for home use in 1925 was to be expected. otal number issued through the forty-four Branch Libraries, the sion Division, including six sub-branches, and the Library for the was 9,018,339. This was a loss of 531,537 as compared with 1924.

The Brooklyn Public Library has reported a home circulation of 5,786,774 in 1925, and the Queens Borough Public Library reports a circulation of 1,976,566. The three public library systems of New York City, therefore, lent 16,781,679 books in the five boroughs in 1925.

At the end of the year, the Circulation Department possessed 1,107,791 books, or 24,493 less than on December 31, 1924.

While circulation has been decreasing, there has been a steady growth in the reference work of the Branch Libraries. Reference readers in 1922 numbered 648,327; in 1923 there were 674,221; in 1924 there were 748,244, and in 1925 there were 788,073. The organization of the reference work and the work with the Continuation and Evening Schools, has received careful attention.

The gradual decrease in population in Manhattan is undoubtedly affecting the use of the Branch Libraries in that Borough. The new state census indicates that the large losses in Manhattan are by no means made up by gains in The Bronx and Richmond. The sections of The Bronx where the population has been increasing are Hunts Point, University Heights, and the extensive region to the north of Hunts Point. In none of these localities is there any library service excepting a few small stations of the Extension Division. The time is at hand when new Branch Libraries are needed.

The decrease in immigration may tend to lessen the pressing demand for books in foreign languages, though as yet the demands are not met. For several years it has been impossible adequately to maintain the foreign book stocks, and in 1925 the circulation of foreign books decreased from 509,986 to 480,424. The increase in the Russian population has created a need for more Russian books, and there is a constantly increasing demand for books in Spanish. The difficulty of securing suitable Spanish titles is a pressing problem.

For five years there has been insufficient money to keep the Branch Library buildings in proper repair. Chairs and furniture of all kinds have been wearing out. In many branches there are not sufficient chairs to enable readers and students to sit down. It is hoped that during 1926 a good beginning may be made in repairing buildings and replacing worn out furniture.

September marked the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Harlem Library. During October an exhibition in celebration of the event was held in the Central Building. In twelve cases were shown books, manuscripts, prints, photographs, and maps relating to the history of the upper part of Manhattan Island from the origin of New Harlaem under the Dutch régime of New Netherland to the nineteenth century, inclusive. In the display were the histories of Harlem and of the Battle of Harlem Heights, original records of the old town from 1662, the original papers of the sale of the Harlem Commons, historical note books and other papers of James Riker upon which his "History of Harlem," was founded, and original manuscripts relating to the origin of the Harlem Library and the

ools of Harlem, Manhattanville, Yorkville, etc., out of the proceeds
ale of the Harlem Commons land. The churches from the Reformed
Church built in 1665 to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine were
nted; also Harlem in its social, political, and institutional activities.
hibition continued from October 1st, through November. The for-
celebration of the centenary at the Harlem Library Branch took the
f a reception on the afternoon of October 22nd.

ar ago a Marine Exhibit at the St. George Branch on Staten Island
ed. Partly as a result of that exhibition, the Branch has begun build-
a collection of books about the sea. A number of important gifts have
ceived, a few purchases made, and already the collection is creating
nterest.

February the children of Public School No. 188 G on East Manhattan
gave a play at Clark House, the proceeds, \$65.75, being presented
Library to buy much needed books for the Children's Room of the
on Fish Park Branch.

tion should be made of a charming little play given on May Day
ub of Chinese children at the Chatham Square Branch.

year was a hard one for the Cathedral Branch. During the entire
was located in part of the assembly room on the first floor of the old
building at 113 East 50th Street. It will continue there until the new
s are ready in the large new school building on the corner of Lexington
e and 50th Street, now in process of erection.

May, the 135th Street Branch opened on the third floor, a Department
ro Literature and History. The Department is purely reference in
er, and it is planned to make it a center of study and research. As
collection is largely composed of loans from Mr. Arthur Schomburg,
eorge Young and Mr. Hubert Harrison. A considerable number of
ave been received from Dr. Charles Martin and others. In December,
anch organized an exhibition at the Central Library, showing the
orhood of Negro Harlem, its various aspects and activities, and also
rk of the Branch Library, in making connections with the neighbor-

re delightful exhibitions were held during the year than ever before.
were too many of them to describe here. Special mention should be
of the beautiful loan exhibitions at several branches from Corona
, the international art center. At the 115th Street Branch, Corona
lent the following:

- 1st. Eight paintings by Samuel Halpert.
- 2nd. Seven paintings by John R. Koopman.
- 3rd. Seven paintings of the South Sea Islands by Stephen Haweis.

Metropolitan Museum lent paintings to the Tompkins Square and
l Park Branches.

At the Fort Washington Branch there was a series of unusually charming little exhibitions. Perhaps most attention was attracted by small paintings and sculptures under the auspices of the National Association of Women Painters and Sculptors.

The Aguilar Branch held its second annual exhibition of Italian art and handicrafts of the neighborhood.

The Tompkins Square Branch had a delightful showing of the prints of Rockwell Kent.

Careful binding and rebinding were perhaps more essential in 1925 than ever before. It seemed as if the publishers' bindings were even weaker than in previous years, and consequently the new books had to be taken off the shelves and sent to the bindery just when the demand was greatest. Hence expeditious rebinding, well done, was all important. Recasing of books—that is, practically a second rebinding—received careful attention, and many books which would ordinarily be discarded by librarians were recased and made attractive on the shelves and their life greatly prolonged. During the year the binderies returned 125,192 books, including 13,637 volumes recased. During the five years that the experiment of recasing has been tried, 60,029 have been rehabilitated in this way.

The total number of employees in the Department, on December 31, 1925, including 49 in the Central Circulation Branch and Central Children's Room, was 720.

WORK WITH CHILDREN

The total circulation of books to children from the children's rooms and through the Extension Division was 3,413,776, a loss of 273,946, as compared with 1924.

The number of new members registered from children's rooms, 53,385, shows a decrease of 4,379.

The total number of volumes in the children's rooms and in the Extension Division at the end of the year was 274,956, a loss of 13,842, as compared with the book stock recorded for 1924. 53,924 additions, including new titles, duplicates and replacements were made and 67,766 volumes were withdrawn from circulation and reference use. At least 100,000 of the books now in use are in such worn out condition as to justify withdrawal. The rebuilding of these sorely depleted, ill-balanced collections is imperative if the circulation of books is to go on from the children's rooms of such branches as Hamilton Fish Park, Tremont, Aguilar, Seward Park and 96th Street.

The net annual loss in book stock available for circulation is having its inevitable effect also on the 50,000 volumes set apart for reference and reading room use, which in their turn are wearing out so rapidly as to need frequent replacement.

Upon these collections the story telling groups, the visiting classes from elementary schools, the parents and teachers, as well as the many children

come to read and solve their reference problems individually, are now very dependent. Their upkeep and enlargement is essential to any constructive library work with children.

"The reading-room is my one pride," says the children's librarian of a branch carrying a yearly circulation of more than 160,000 on a worn out stock of less than 8,000 volumes. "It is thoroughly enjoyed and I think maintained. I have worked to this end for two years and the result is the feeling that gives me hope for the future."

There are other children's librarians who have spent five or more years in the midst of the most bewildering and demoralizing conditions of large tenements and crowds of children looking in vain for books to take home, but they have quietly gone on making of their reading rooms true centers of enlightenment and of art, as well as delightful oases in the daily lives of the children who settle down to read there. Exhibitions, if introduced, are of such character as to seem a part of the life of the room. A notable instance is that of a model of an old French village made by W. T. Benda for his own branch, which proved a source of endless delight to the children of the Clinton Fish Park Branch and an irresistible invitation to read French history and legend. "The Story of Roland" became a popular book over the branch. An exhibition of penny toys before the holidays led to the discovery of similar treasures in East Side shops known to the children and set many of them searching for pictures and stories of toys, and others to making pictures and stories out of their own imaginations.

At the Tompkins Square Branch the children came day after day to watch the progress of Abbo Ostrovsky's etching of the trees in their playground and to go the way. "They are our trees," they said.

The Centennial of the Harlem Library brought to its children's room a display of beautiful drawings, in color, of old landmarks and quaint figures dressed in the fashions of 1825. These drawings, made by the children's librarian and one of the boys, from careful study of old prints, and a group of children in historical costumes of a hundred years ago, gave reality to a unique celebration and left an impression with the children which cannot but inform and enliven their conception of the approaching tercentenary of Manhattan, for New York a hundred years ago came alive to them in a familiar setting and in a human way with the bell from old Harlem Library ringing out the message.

The value of creating such a store of memories and associations for future generations is inestimable and the reports of the past year are filled with evidence of well-spent holidays in children's reading-rooms all over the city and of thoughtful plans for making this work still more effective. The fact remains, however, that the young women who are making these rich contributions are doing so in the daily necessity of working under abnormal conditions, both physical and mental. They cannot expect of assistants nor of children that care of the books as city property, which has been for many years a recognized

feature in this Library's work with children. It seems inevitable that the situation be met in one of two ways:

(1) By making at once replacements and additions based upon active needs rather than upon misleading circulation statistics.

(2) By stopping the circulation of books entirely from children's room where it has become a travesty; and turning the entire floor into a reading room, until such time as funds permit stocking it for work that admits variety and quality, the independent choice of books, and a wholesome respect for the Library and its rules and customs during the impressionable years of childhood.

STORYTELLING

Story hours and library reading clubs were held at regular intervals in all parts of the city to the number of 2,075 groups, with an attendance of 57,989. These figures do not include the special story hours given in schools, playgrounds, social settlements and hospitals for which there is always a greater demand.

A general meeting of the boys reading clubs, held at the Tompkins Square Branch, at which Martin Christiansen gave a circumstantial account of his experience in the Galapagos, proved very stimulating to the interest of the older boys. Many of them had already read this shipwrecked taxi-driver's story, as William Beebe tells it, and were ready with intelligent questions and sincere admiration for the pluck of the man.

A rally of clubs for both boys and girls took place at Harlem Library later in the Spring and since then several new Clubs have been formed. The Fo'c's'le Club at the St. George Branch was inspired by a visit from Gordon Grant, and a loan exhibition of his pictures of ships. This club is keeping a log and imparting its enthusiasm for ships and sailors to a children's room which overlooks the harbor and the road out to sea. The introduction of Marionettes at special story hours held at this branch is another enlivening influence of peculiar value in defining and sustaining the relationship of the Italian children living in the neighborhood, and has distinct possibilities in the further development of storytelling in other Staten Island communities. Regular monthly story hours have been given throughout the school year at Rosebank, West Brighton, Elm Park and Rossville schools, in addition to those held at Stapleton, Port Richmond and Tottenville Branch Libraries. In these schools, served by the Extension Division, it has been possible to sustain the atmosphere of a real story hour with its desired indirect effect on the selection and appreciation of books chosen for personal reading by the children. The book wagon and the storytelling in the schools must keep alive the children's interest in books in the many communities which have no libraries of their own.

The summer vacation period was unusually fruitful. Several Branch Libraries sustained regular story hours in playgrounds and settlements, with interesting deviations from custom within the Branch. The summer activities

with a colorful English May Day celebration on the roof of the Park Library. The free dramatization of old English singing games and folk songs by children of the Slavic and Latin races was characterized by spontaneity and gaiety that appealed strongly to the members of the Mothers Club who came to watch their children dance and sing. Picture books, poetry, song books and plays were literally read to the children during the spring and summer months as a natural consequence. At the Hamilton Fish Park Branch a marionette play was given on the same week during July with a special evening of Italian folk tales told by one of the assistants in her native language.

The Supervisor of storytelling carried on a number of interesting story hours outside the Libraries during the summer as well as in the winter, and requests were constantly sought on behalf of groups of students and workers seeking direction and suggestion in this field.

The broadcasting of stories from Station WEAJ was continued at stated intervals by different storytellers. There was an effective celebration of Hans Christian Andersen's birthday, and folk and hero tales of different countries were told. During August, the Supervisor of Work With Children, gave a talk on children's books, accompanied by reading from books mentioned. The response indicates that putting books "on the air" if the speaking meets the test has increasingly varied and interesting possibilities for the future. There is, however, an art in the selection of material for transmission as well as in the presentation of it.

EXTENSION

There has been a clearance of deadwood from the meager collection of children's books of the Extension Division, with a reduction of 6,704 in the number of volumes available for circulation. A total number of 9,332 books have been discarded while only 2,628 have been added. "But the collection is a live one. Practically every book is usable," says its librarian. "It is interesting as a live collection in any children's room in a branch library should be that since the essential place in the library system is as of a clearing of new trails carrying the first message from the Library into distant parts of the city."

It is obvious that a collection of 26,967 books is entirely inadequate, since the nation calls for four times as many, if the blazed trails are to become usable roads within the lifetime of the present generation of readers. It is the hope of the Division to make new policies to this end, and to give help to schools distant from branch libraries, to which storytelling has been extended, were conspicuous factors during the year. As usual books were sent to summer camps to the widest extent of the resources of the Division.

The sustained interest of the Staff under isolated and difficult conditions of work, and their personal relations with the children, are never more

strongly felt than at Christmas when with scanty equipment and few books they still manage to achieve genuine festivity. No one feature of the work with children stands out more strongly after a score of years than the response to making a holiday with books and stories, and in this development the Extension Division takes an active part.

CENTRAL CHILDREN'S ROOM

There has been an unusual number of European visitors to the Children's Room during the year — groups from China, Japan, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, Italy, England and the British Colonies. Children traveling round the world have stopped to read and to choose books to take with them. A shy little girl from Germany felt at home when she found books in her own language. Requests for lists of children's books of all kinds have been received from Central America, Cuba, Korea, Portugal and various points of our own country. The reference work with both children and adults has been varied and active, touching the Eclipse, the Mother Goose controversy, caravan routes in Central Asia, the best folk tale for each of fifteen different countries, the description of a French toy factory, plays for children and the many questions of authors, artists and publishers' relating to children's books.

The collection of old children's books has been protected from dust and made more attractive for display by some appropriate cases of gay flowered paper made by Mr. Welch, who gave to the collection a piece of the gilded Dutch paper similar to that used by John Newbery in the publication of his little books for children, in the 18th century.

There have been exhibitions of original drawings — Leslie Brooke's for his picture books, and Boris Artzybasheff's for Padraic Colum's "The Forge in the Forest," being typical of their range and type as illustrations. Mr. Colum was the speaker at the opening of the holiday exhibit this year, reading from his poems and from "The King of Ireland's Son."

The special event of the year which brought to the Central Children's Room two hundred and fifty representatives of the boys and girls reading clubs and story groups from all parts of the City, was the coming of James Stephens on an evening in June. Candle light again cast its magic about a poet. But before reciting any of his poems, Mr. Stephens talked to these boys and girls about their own education, and they greeted his witty comment with such spontaneous outbursts of laughter and appreciation as are rarely granted to a speaker. Moreover, they were given an insight into what goes to the making of a true poetry which they will not soon forget. "If you find a poem trying to teach you something, leave it alone for it's not poetry," he said.

This lecture was made possible by the generosity of two friends of the children of the Library. They had learned how much the children enjoyed seeing and hearing Walter de la Mare last year, and what a definite effect it had had on the children's reading of poetry.

WORK WITH SCHOOLS

Work with Schools has reached its fifth year under the present organization. Possibly this is a good time to check up and see how far aims have been realized.

There seems to be no doubt of the value and use of the Teachers Reference Conference Room on the third floor of the 58th Street Branch. During the last year there were frequent conferences of twenty-five educational workers in this Room, many of them at regular intervals. From all these came expressions of interest and readiness to support the efforts to increase appropriations for the Library. It is highly advantageous to have teachers outside school buildings, and in this semi-social fashion. The use of the book collections in the room grows steadily. Probably one of the weak points has been insufficient publicity. Nearly every new teacher who visits the room says, "Why didn't I know of this before? The time I've been trying to find material!"

A glance through the visitor's book shows the varied interests of the people who come, — private and public school teachers, church workers, settlement workers, dramatic directors, camp directors, Girl and Boy Scout leaders, C. A. and Y. M. C. A. workers, and librarians and teachers from New Jersey and Westchester. The two main interests of these visitors are boys and books for older boys and girls. There is a steady demand for a mimeographed list of "Books for Older Boys and Girls." This book list and the Library's book committee for older boys and girls are important. But much remains to be done in the contacts of the Branch Libraries with these young people. There is no substitute for a competent person in each branch library to work with them.

The organization of the Continuation Schools, with 40,000 boys and girls included, is a tremendous opportunity and obligation for the Library. A survey was made of these schools during the spring of 1925. On the basis of this report an assistant was assigned to the Supervisor of Work with Schools to organize the work.

An attempt was first made to eliminate some of the mechanical obstacles that stood between these boys and girls and the Library. Many of them have not acquired adult borrower's cards. A card has been devised which certifies that the bearer is a continuation school pupil and, as such, entitled to all library privileges. These cards are given to pupils who desire

such visits to the Libraries have been organized with the East and West Side Continuation Schools and also with the Staten Island school. Gradually book interests are being discovered among these pupils. Maps are becoming popular everywhere, and the school workers of the Library have made a map of their adventure. On a large outlined street map of New York City the locations of the Branch Libraries were marked and

innumerable little pegs of different colors indicate the public schools. It is helpful to see the entire field of action, and visitors who consult it understand the extent of the problem.

Teacher's College sent some of their class groups to visit the Teachers' Reference and Conference Room. The Summer Library School and the class on School Library Management have become yearly visitors. Recently a class came from the International Institute of Teachers' College. They were a highly intelligent group of educational administrators from at least 25 different countries. Their director wishes to make this visit an annual event.

The number of classes visiting the Branch Libraries is not the only measure of good work, but it seems to be the only definite statistics obtainable. A study of the progress of the work through the past five years shows that in 1921 there were 2,445 classes visiting the Libraries: in 1922, 2,456; in 1923, 2,613; in 1924, 3,058 and in 1925, 3,500.

In considering the faults of modern education it is sometimes forgotten that there are valiant efforts in the school field to prevent the individual from being crushed by educational machinery. John Dewey has always been a rock of strength in this field. Recently the school assistants had an opportunity to listen to Hughes Mearns of The Lincoln School who has had marvellous results with his students. He works with them, waiting with the highest hopes for what they may create. Understanding his hopes, the boys and girls do not disappoint him. In his book, "Creative Youth," he says "And they understand our attitude thoroughly; they know that to us all sincere expressions of the inner spirit are serious and worthy; that even the most monstrous jumble might — who knows! — flash suddenly into pure design. Therefore, we have no disappointed ones who try and fail and stop. There can be no true failure, so we teach, when one continually produces."

CENTRAL CIRCULATION BRANCH

Styles of reading vary with the times and the Central Circulation Branch, like Fifth Avenue, reflects the least change in mode. The increase of 9,862 in circulation was mainly in general literature, which increased 7,528, and in philosophy and psychology, which increased 4,578. Both of these classes are now more conspicuously shelved, and during the year the popular titles were heavily duplicated. Modern poetry and drama have been specially fortified, as have psychology, child study and philosophy.

Many readers, who pride themselves upon discriminating taste, are astonished that the special books they want are being read by others. One man came to the office indignant because The New York Public Library did not have a copy of Marcus Aurelius. He did not find one on the shelves and was sure no one else read his special philosopher. When he saw the shelf list record of ten copies and was convinced that there were ten other readers who

During Marcus Aurelius at the time, he revised his opinion of popular literature. On the other hand, a woman seeking books on esoteric religion was surprised to find many titles listed, and most of the books out. "At least it is not queer here as I was in the town I came from. Someone else reads the kind of books."

Interest in psychology is more in general books than in psycho-analysis. Recently, the physical care of children is now understood by all reading books. The interest has swung from spinach and carrots to the understanding of child nature, and to moral and mental care. Evolution, the crime of the younger generation, must all be mulled over in books as elsewhere. Many people come to the Library for the expensive biographies. Mr. Cushing's "Travel Diary of a Philosopher" was probably the most steadily popular book, followed by Amy Lowell's "Keats," Cushing's "Life of Dr. Mark Twain's "Autobiography." There seems no need of whetting popular appetite for Bernard Shaw and for Eugene O'Neill.

A walk up Madison or Park Avenue shows why all the good books on interior decorating and furniture are needed. The dwellers in moderate priced apartments borrow books instead of engaging an interior decorator. Recently, the opening of the American Wing of the Metropolitan Museum stimulated the reading of books on furniture and architecture.

There was a decrease of 4,168 in the circulation of fiction, due probably to the policy of purchasing only the more important of current fiction, and to the new shelving which makes other classes more conspicuous.

It is a satisfaction to note the popularity of the American Library Association's "Reading with a Purpose" lists. Hundreds of copies were sold.

Additional shelves on two sides of the room bring 2,000 more books to the shelf collection and a more logical arrangement for the convenience of borrowers. Several classes were brought from the stacks in their entirety, resulting in increased popularity and a simplification in helping readers. Especially was this of service in aiding the Italian, Spanish and German borrowers, who are frequently unfamiliar with the use of a library and its language.

The location of the new office aids the supervision of the room and it is more accessible for the public. The transfer of the registration desk to the new office also proved to be a wise move. The change makes the room more efficient without the pressure at the front desk which frequently blocked entrance and exit. With the telephone at hand, there is an easy way of settling difficulties with the Central Registration Office and frequently it is possible to issue borrowers' cards immediately.

By taking reserve slips at the front desk, and giving out reserve books at the front point, the librarians there do not have to make a hundred or more trips a day to the stacks for reserved books, it is easier for them to assist readers.

EXTENSION DIVISION

For the Extension Division, 1925 was a year of optimistic preparation for a more prosperous 1926.

Emphasis was laid on simplifying the somewhat intricate mechanism of a division made up of almost four hundred parts — parts which are as diverse in organization and purpose as they are widely separated geographically. The problem was to evolve a system adapted to all stations. In the office the routine work involved in the necessary triple circulation records was minimized by a change of process. Most printed forms have been simplified and adapted to changing conditions. The work of the summer camps was completely reorganized. The book stock was considered class by class; dead-wood discarded and orders made to round out and enrich the collection.

In the field, the effort was to keep up the standard of stations already established rather than to increase their number. As far as the limitation of the Staff permitted, this was accomplished through systematic visits and supervision. A survey of all sub-branch and other outlying districts was made, and a plan worked out for the extension of library facilities when funds are available.

SUB-BRANCHES

Recent statistics show a decrease of population in lower Manhattan and increases in upper Manhattan, The Bronx and Richmond. Sub-branch circulation follows in part these statistics. Williamsbridge, Van Nest and Inwood sub-branches had marked increases both in circulation and in reading and reference use. They are fast out-growing their quarters and can no longer be administered by one person. There was, however, a regrettable decrease in the use of Columbia University, City Island and West New Brighton sub-branches. The loss at Columbia is to be attributed partly to the inadequate supply of new books and partly to the fact that the new Teachers' College Library has answered many of the student demands.

The Great Kills Community Library was reorganized under the Extension Division in the early part of the year. This Library represents the work of the Great Kills Library Club, a group of public-spirited women who, for fifteen years have supported the Library for the community. During the recent campaign for the increased appropriations for the Library the members of the Club were untiring in their efforts to help, and not a little of the success of the campaign is due to their influence. When the results of the campaign were known in December the Club turned the management of the Library over to the Extension Division. In the future it will be known as the Great Kills sub-branch.

STATIONS

The Hunt's Point station housed in quarters given by the American Legion was closed suddenly in May, when the Post withdrew its support. In October



GREAT KILLS SUB-BRANCH, STATEN ISLAND

tion was reopened in a large, well lighted room in Public School 48. Overwhelming circulation has proved the need for a branch in this over-crowded district.

Extension Division has made some contribution to the adult education movement through collections of books lent to The New School for Social Studies, the School for Printers' Apprentices, The Knights of Columbus High School, the Education Service Summer Camp, The Woman's Trade Union League, etc. An interesting development has been the increasing demand for special book lists and requests for help in the organization of independent libraries.

It has been possible without increased funds to build up the service to hospitals — a most rewarding effort. The hospitals served in 1925 included, among others, the U. S. Marine Hospital on Ellis Island, the Lenox Hill, New York, Fifth Avenue, Post Graduate and Gouverneur.

In various jails, reformatories, houses of refuge and workhouses under the Department of Correction on Randalls, Welfare and Harts Islands have been provided with collections of discards and donated magazines. The librarians in charge report a real need and enthusiastic use of these books.

STATEN ISLAND

Following a complete survey of Richmond, the Book Wagon routes were extended, giving a wider and more adequate service. The wagon has been painted a cheerful color and is now an even more attractive and welcome part of the community life of the island. In the community libraries at Union Corners, Huguenot Park, New Dorp and Prince Bay there has been an encouraging growth not always to be measured by circulation. The Prince Bay Library has its quarters in an engine house. A story hour there attracts the children from this whole section. They sit on the floor and perch on the fire engine listening with wonder to hero tales, folklore, and a rich variety of story and song.

PICTURE COLLECTION

At the beginning of the year, the growth of the work and the insufficient hours compelled a shortening of the hours of opening. The new hours are from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m., instead of 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. The public generally understood the situation and though the shorter hours are undoubtedly somewhat a hardship, they have adjusted themselves with little protest to the change. In spite of the curtailment of the lending hours, the circulation of pictures increased 309, a gain of six and two-thirds per cent and there was a four per cent increase in the number of subjects asked for.

Very little new material was added at the average rate of about 1,000 pictures a year, in spite of the very serious setback to the department in the resignation of one of its most valued workers.

LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND

The Library for the Blind circulated by mail (under the free mailing law) 38,662 volumes of embossed reading matter, music scores and magazines. The circulation recorded in 1924 was 38,539. There was an unusual number of additions to the book stock as well as an unusual number of discs and cards.

The generous policy of the American Braille Press (formerly the Permanent Blind Relief War Fund), in presenting to the Library many books and music scores, is largely responsible for the increase in additions. The decline in popularity of the vanishing types, American Braille and New York point, has made it possible to withdraw a considerable number of duplicates in those types.

The policy of increasing the resources of the Library by training volunteer workers to put reading matter into Braille type has been so satisfactory that its future as a permanent feature of the work seems assured. Hand-made Braille books must be excellent in workmanship and their final cost kept within a reasonable limit. The Library is most fortunate in having as volunteer teachers two members of the Braille Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers whose work is a credit to the Auxiliary and a great asset to the Library, and also in the services of its paid proofreader who is a blind graduate of Columbia University and a Phi Beta Kappa man.

The Book list of Braille Books, published in the Outlook for the Blind and a somewhat different arrangement of the same list for publication in the embossed Ziegler Magazine, continue to be compiled at the Library for the Blind for the American Library Association's Committee on Work with the Blind.

MUSIC LIBRARY

The year 1925 was the first full year of the Music Library's existence as a separate entity. The fine new quarters on the second floor of the 58th Street Branch have greatly aided the service.

The circulation has grown from 12,632 in 1924 to 19,701 in 1925, and the book stock now numbers 7,734. The number of readers has increased rapidly, nearly 19,000 having been recorded during the year. It is interesting to note that there are three men to two women readers.

The acquisition of some definitive editions and a few rare copies of musical works has led to the making of a "partial reference" department in the Music Library. This means that students and readers who have real need of these not-easily duplicated books, may borrow them for home use, although they are ordinarily held for reading in the Library. In this class, too, have been placed the private collections bequeathed to the Music Library. The necessity of protecting these rare books, brought a gift from Mrs. Christian R. Holmes of a locked cabinet of four sections with glass doors.

Music Library is again greatly indebted to the generosity of Mrs. d LeRoy Edgar and a group of friends for funds with which much recent music was purchased, chiefly in Europe.

Music Librarian, who was in Europe during the summer, secured a collection of new French and British music, and some collections of folk-songs and Troubadour songs picked up in the Pyrenees and ce. The Music Librarian represented the Library at the Modern Festival in Venice.

During the year three exhibitions were held, one in early January of the works of Igor Stravinsky, another in February, of the work of Medtner, and the third during Music Week of the works of New composers, including some in manuscript.

INTERBRANCH LOAN OFFICE

Books requested through the Interbranch Loan Office during 1925, 88,687. It was possible to fill 67,921 of the requests, a gain of 9,277 over 1924.

In the Central Reserve Collection of about 80,000 volumes, shelved in the stacks of the Central Building, 16,014 volumes were borrowed by the Branch Libraries and by readers who secured them directly from the Interbranch Loan Office. During the summer, 1,516 volumes were discarded in order to make room for new books and titles withdrawn from Branch Libraries. At least 5,000 additional books must be withdrawn because of the poor condition of the stacks.

One of the interesting activities of the Office is the preparation of reading lists for students.

BOOK ORDER OFFICE

Books were purchased and distributed to the Branch Libraries 101,067 during the year. In addition, 15,071 volumes received as gifts were added to the branch collections. Also 4,487 pamphlets were secured.

From publishers, booksellers and authors sent to the Office 10,303 new titles for consideration, of which 8,894 were retained, 2,579 of them in foreign languages.

Subscriptions to 3,553 magazines were placed for 1926, and 1,326 were received as gifts in 1925. Subscriptions to 59 newspapers were placed, and 1,997 were received as gifts.

20,874 discarded volumes received from the Branches were disposed of as follows:

Transferred to Central Reserve Collection	-	-	-	-	-	2,405
Transferred to the Reference Department	-	-	-	-	-	3,612
Given to Extension Division	-	-	-	-	-	1,997
Discarded as old paper	-	-	-	-	-	112,860

CATALOGUING OFFICE

In 1924 more new titles were classified and catalogued than in any year since the Central Building opened. The record for 1925 is practically the same.

In 1924 one-fifth of the new titles were music, of which practically all were given. In 1925 even more music was added, a larger number than any other class, exceeding fiction by 471.

Good progress was made in copying the union shelf list from sheets to cards, 19,538 new entries having been made, 6,446 more than in 1924.

This report is compiled from information supplied by the Library's officers, and revised by Mr. Lydenberg and Mr. Hopper.

On the whole, the notable event of 1925 was the increase by \$350,000 of the City appropriation for the Circulation Department. This is the most cheerful news which the Library has had to report since the private gift to the Reference Department in 1923.

The City is always indebted — and never more than during the past year — to the Trustees of the Library for their constant devotion to its welfare, and to the members of the Staff for intelligent and faithful work.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. ANDERSON, *Director*.

May 12, 1926.

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BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (*Central Building*)

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1925

In 1925 recorded visitors numbered 3,957,749, an increase of 482,275 over last year.

In comparing the cost of operation, given below, the following facts should be borne in mind:

The building covers about 300×400 ft., 358,000 sq. ft. of floor area, 36,000 sq. ft. of glass; cubic contents are 10,300,000 cu. ft.

The total cost of operating the building was \$219,278.77, as against \$211,257.20 in 1924; of this total \$69,100 was furnished by the City each year.

The Janitor's Department cleaned the building and cared for public comfort, including watching and policing, at a total cost of \$84,894.75. Cleaning cost \$44,874.79, of which labor came to \$41,857.74 (30 men), and material \$3,017.05. To this should be added the cleaning service for 8 men's lavatories and 6 women's lavatories, which amounted to \$5,485.03 for labor and \$2,958.64 for material; also a towel service of 2 towels per week for about 525 employees. The coatroom service for two entrances cost \$5,053.75. Supervision of the exhibition galleries, with the service of three night watchmen, came to \$17,894.38. Elevator service on three cars cost \$4,595.22. Sundries, uniforms, and general supervision cost \$4,032.94.

The total expenditure for light, heat, and power was \$63,384.02, which includes \$5,000 for a new cylinder for the No. 2 Fitchburg engine. The cost of generating 73,991,245 lbs. of steam at 100 lbs. pressure was \$37,621.16, of which \$30,339.36 was for coal at \$5.12 per ton, \$5,996.80 for labor, and \$1,200 for ash removal. The total consumption of electricity was 1,799,090 K.W.-hrs., 1,781,380 K.W.-hrs. being generated by the Library plant at a cost of 1.9 cents per K.W.-hr. The cost of heating is estimated at \$25,000, and includes steam for the cafeteria, for humidifying air for ventilation, for hot water, and pumping service, etc. Included in the above is also \$579.30 for oil, \$473.47 for repair material, \$3,126.80 for electric bulbs, and \$2,569.30 for gas for restaurant and linotypes.

Building repairs and alterations cost \$71,000, of which \$69,100 came from City funds, and \$1,900 from the Library for general supervision. From City funds \$24,100 was expended on special alterations and improvements, such as air filters, bookstacks, forced draft blower, new linotypes, and ventilighters, while general repairs to the building cost \$45,000, of which \$28,690 was for labor and \$16,310 for material.

TABLE 1
STATISTICS OF READERS AND OF VOLUMES CONSULTED
REFERENCE DEPARTMENT, 1925

	JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH		APRIL		MAY		JUNE	
	READERS	VOLUMES	READERS	VOLUMES	READERS	VOLUMES	READERS	VOLUMES	READERS	VOLUMES	READERS	VOLUMES
Main Reading Room-----	49,227	103,582	41,227	85,791	48,074	99,545	47,158	99,057	44,742	95,784	28,524	62,208
Americana-----	4,422	14,000	3,317	10,560	5,149	15,627	4,798	13,864	3,884	11,066	2,459	7,456
Genealogy-----	3,525	12,970	3,294	14,129	3,753	16,313	3,442	14,375	3,154	14,731	2,727	11,414
Music-----	3,258	8,370	2,612	6,830	2,741	7,892	2,490	7,038	2,440	6,952	1,941	5,540
Art, etc.-----	5,257	12,056	4,811	10,247	5,344	11,390	4,944	11,257	4,426	10,279	2,972	7,281
Prints *-----	656	947	504	757	646	860	611	825	454	545	440	570
Jewish-----	3,486	9,458	3,154	10,200	3,224	9,672	3,170	9,460	3,208	9,724	2,290	6,808
Oriental *-----	732	1,932	729	2,022	773	1,879	664	1,843	601	1,503	658	1,760
Slavonic-----	3,595	3,820	2,979	3,359	3,237	3,288	3,360	3,247	3,350	3,150	2,595	2,691
Economics, including Public Documents-----	8,817	26,451	7,952	23,856	9,180	27,540	8,597	25,791	8,370	25,041	6,361	1,908
Technology and Science, including Patents-----	14,557	50,949	13,181	46,133	13,471	47,148	13,276	46,466	12,918	45,213	10,698	37,443
Current Periodicals-----	37,579	51,093	37,133	46,538	36,799	52,694	35,054	48,054	34,295	48,341	28,406	40,417
Newspapers-----	14,674	16,512	13,520	14,745	14,962	16,546	14,040	16,030	15,054	16,739	14,293	15,713
Maps-----	923	2,414	1,115	2,964	1,190	2,802	1,142	2,454	1,173	3,219	1,220	3,268
Manuscripts *-----	49	38	37	67	42	62	62	43	84	122	68	141
(Pieces or boxes)-----	(b. 18)	(p. 47)	(b. 10)	(p. 20)	(b. 28)	(p. 15)	(b. 21)	(p. 13)	(b. 38)	(p. 86)	(b. 36)	(p. 108)
Stuart *-----	80	133	60	74	68	98	67	86	73	124	44	63
Total of Special Rooms-----	101,610	211,143	94,398	192,481	100,579	213,811	96,317	200,833	93,484	196,749	77,172	159,648
Total-----	150,837	314,725	135,625	278,272	148,653	313,356	143,475	299,890	138,226	292,533	105,696	221,856
Visitors to Building-----	364,680		348,079		386,279		354,773		354,477		318,748	

* Closed on evenings and Sundays.

TABLE 1 — *Concluded*STATISTICS OF READERS AND OF VOLUMES CONSULTED
REFERENCE DEPARTMENT, 1925

	JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER		TOTAL	
	READERS	VOLUMES	READERS	VOLUMES	READERS	VOLUMES	READERS	VOLUMES	READERS	VOLUMES	READERS	VOLUMES	READERS	VOLUMES
Main Reading Room.....	28,369	66,996	28,446	67,745	28,391	63,932	42,334	90,616	48,759	103,930	52,082	109,938	487,333	1,049,124
Americana.....	2,614	7,562	2,470	5,948	2,576	7,479	4,896	14,477	5,368	15,936	5,365	17,436	47,318	141,411
Genealogy.....	2,577	11,952	2,638	11,079	2,650	12,356	3,086	13,162	3,184	13,802	3,123	13,267	37,153	159,550
Music.....	2,085	5,974	1,972	4,796	1,855	5,662	2,349	7,373	2,599	7,419	2,634	6,870	28,976	80,716
Art, etc.....	3,213	7,939	3,215	8,598	3,547	8,739	5,233	14,520	5,154	14,641	4,876	14,885	52,992	131,832
Prints*.....	506	809	472	735	493	603	661	868	582	777	602	762	6,627	9,058
Jewish.....	2,218	4,456	2,301	6,380	2,573	10,292	3,125	9,375	3,677	11,029	4,218	12,665	36,644	109,519
Oriental*.....	647	1,872	543	1,364	574	1,543	647	1,895	711	2,013	727	1,926	8,006	21,552
Slavonic.....	2,667	2,473	2,441	2,422	2,918	2,773	3,330	3,224	3,743	3,740	3,781	4,177	37,996	38,364
Economics, including Public Documents.....	6,048	18,144	5,457	16,371	5,962	17,886	7,986	23,958	8,310	24,930	8,578	25,734	91,618	274,785
Technology & Science, including Patents.....	8,608	30,124	10,335	36,172	11,164	39,074	12,445	43,557	12,760	44,660	12,594	44,079	146,007	511,018
Current Periodicals.....	29,672	42,872	34,659	51,529	36,429	56,155	41,673	61,841	35,258	50,889	35,701	49,354	422,658	599,777
Newspapers.....	12,515	13,275	12,074	13,113	14,043	15,313	14,430	15,781	14,197	15,431	13,570	14,977	167,972	184,175
Maps.....	1,317	3,266	1,261	3,022	999	2,567	1,081	2,387	1,168	3,124	1,198	3,066	13,787	34,553
Manuscripts*.....	68	105	70	62	42	76	66	119	70	100	63	100	721	1,035
(Pieces or boxes).....	(b. 30)	(p. 27)	(b. 34)	(p. 95)	(b. 17)	(p. 19)	(b. 45)	(p. 23)	(b. 19)	(p. 86)	(b. 47)	(p. 9)	(b. 343)	(p. 548)
Stuart*.....	52	90	70	74	59	170	104	153	82	115	56	89	815	1,269
Total Special Rooms.....	74,807	150,913	79,978	161,665	85,884	180,688	101,112	212,690	96,863	208,606	97,086	209,387	1,099,290	2,298,614
Total.....	103,176	217,909	108,424	229,410	114,275	244,620	143,446	303,306	145,622	312,536	149,168	319,325	1,586,623	3,347,738
Visitors to Building.....	282,634		276,756		294,545		317,697		326,331		332,750		3,957,749	

* Closed on evenings and Sundays.

TABLE 2
STATISTICS OF VOLUMES CONSULTED IN MAIN READING ROOM
BY CLASSES
REFERENCE DEPARTMENT, 1925

	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY
Art	4,457	4,369	4,599	4,260	4,684	3,503	3,636
Bibliography	1,577	1,310	1,564	1,236	985	904	1,032
Biography	4,489	3,542	4,887	4,912	4,192	2,555	2,728
Economics	17,271	13,650	16,561	16,408	16,044	9,045	10,221
Geography	991	742	992	921	864	881	788
History	8,870	6,960	8,064	8,130	8,090	4,564	5,595
Law	1,564	1,159	1,431	1,326	1,462	908	804
Literature (American and English)	16,336	13,246	15,804	15,886	14,638	9,723	10,330
Literature (All other)	13,379	10,813	12,436	11,437	11,988	7,674	8,607
Medicine	3,909	3,580	3,489	3,053	3,595	2,684	2,707
Philology	2,541	1,935	2,035	2,147	2,113	1,400	1,245
Philosophy	7,350	6,410	6,686	8,050	6,794	4,639	5,075
Religion	3,583	3,049	3,381	3,495	3,252	2,307	2,313
Science	4,500	3,805	4,306	3,745	3,840	3,180	3,164
Technology	4,228	3,768	4,177	4,378	4,162	2,729	3,372
General Periodicals	8,537	7,453	9,133	9,673	9,081	5,512	5,379
Total	103,582	85,791	99,545	99,057	95,784	62,208	66,996

TABLE 2 — *Concluded*
STATISTICS OF VOLUMES CONSULTED IN MAIN READING ROOM
BY CLASSES
REFERENCE DEPARTMENT, 1925

	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTALS	PER CENT.
Art	3,773	3,878	4,313	4,518	5,007	50,997	4.86
Bibliography	862	911	1,298	1,335	1,299	14,313	1.36
Biography	2,804	2,202	3,657	4,962	5,759	46,689	4.45
Economics	10,403	9,490	14,437	17,337	17,206	168,073	16.02
Geography	764	636	950	864	947	10,340	.99
History	5,476	4,643	7,848	9,129	9,313	86,682	8.26
Law	836	961	1,464	1,401	1,453	14,769	1.41
Literature (American and English)	9,282	9,793	13,660	16,449	18,159	163,306	15.57
Literature (All other)	8,366	8,606	12,127	12,941	13,818	132,192	12.60
Medicine	3,089	2,816	3,482	3,838	3,782	40,024	3.81
Philology	1,520	1,558	2,094	2,261	2,389	23,238	2.21
Philosophy	5,472	5,039	6,782	7,024	8,477	77,798	7.42
Religion	2,642	2,525	2,957	3,732	4,294	37,530	3.58
Science	3,194	2,449	3,666	3,909	4,195	43,953	4.19
Technology	3,267	3,192	3,999	4,982	4,112	46,366	4.42
General Periodicals	5,995	5,233	7,882	9,248	9,728	92,854	8.85
Total	67,745	63,932	90,616	103,930	109,938	1,049,124	100.00

TABLE 3

STATISTICS OF PERIODICALS RECEIVED, WITH DISTINCTION OF COUNTRY, FREQUENCY OF PUBLICATION,
AND NUMBER RECEIVED BY PURCHASE, GIFT, OR EXCHANGE
REFERENCE DEPARTMENT, 1925

COUNTRIES	AUSTRIA		BELGIUM		FRANCE & COLONIES		GERMANY		GREAT BRITAIN AND COLONIES		ITALY		JAPAN		MEXICO		NETHER- LANDS	
	Purchase	Gift	Purchase	Gift	Purchase	Gift	Purchase	Gift	Purchase	Gift	Purchase	Gift	Purchase	Gift	Purchase	Gift	Purchase	Gift
NUMBER RECEIVED	162		144		1,194		1,443		3,521		472		112		143		401	
Frequency of Publication in the year	Exchange	Gift	Exchange	Gift	Exchange	Gift	Exchange	Gift	Exchange	Gift	Exchange	Gift	Exchange	Gift	Exchange	Gift	Exchange	Gift
365	3	2	2	1	12	7	4	7	21	13	4	1	4	--	1	6	4	4
156	--	1	--	--	1	--	2	2	2	2	1	--	--	--	1	1	1	1
104	--	--	--	--	1	--	1	--	2	2	--	--	--	--	5	1	2	1
52	2	1	1	4	49	26	75	27	124	135	3	2	2	1	11	4	4	9
48	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
36	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	--	--	1	--	--	--
26	--	--	1	--	--	--	8	--	3	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	3
24	4	2	2	4	49	22	43	20	7	12	8	9	--	--	9	2	--	--
20	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
12	7	12	8	18	188	68	111	66	182	268	46	47	3	15	1	55	2	14
10	4	--	1	--	1	--	4	--	6	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
9	--	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
8	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	1	1	5	12	3	4	1	2	1	1	1
6	--	2	1	--	48	14	20	5	14	5	1	--	--	--	1	4	3	--
5	--	--	1	--	3	--	1	--	1	3	1	--	--	--	--	2	--	--
4	4	2	4	1	72	12	52	7	123	104	26	4	2	1	1	8	6	1
3	--	--	--	--	1	1	6	--	4	5	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2	2	--	--	1	1	2	--	1	17	12	6	1	--	--	--	4	1	--
Annual & Biennial	26	14	16	24	170	145	235	122	461	1,083	49	69	17	3	23	40	137	3
Irregularly	63	8	29	22	201	74	545	56	395	435	24	80	64	5	19	60	53	1
Total	115	44	3	65	799	371	1,107	315	1,363	2,081	77	241	201	30	4	133	162	233
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Annals, biennials, and irregular publications received by gift or bulletin exchange, have been re-counted, and the number of these actually being received is included in the statistical table.

1968 new titles have been added during the year, and 732 titles have been deducted.

"Miscellaneous" includes periodicals from the following countries: Arabia, Bulgaria, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Dantzig, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Jugoslavia, Latvia, Liberia, Lithuania, Mesopotamia, Monaco, Nicaragua, Palestine, Panama, Persia, Poland, Rumania, Salvador, Santo Domingo, Siam, Silesia, Turkey.

TABLE 3 — *Concluded*
STATISTICS OF PERIODICALS RECEIVED, WITH DISTINCTION OF COUNTRY, FREQUENCY OF PUBLICATION,
AND NUMBER RECEIVED BY PURCHASE, GIFT, OR EXCHANGE
REFERENCE DEPARTMENT, 1925

COUNTRIES	U. S. S. R.		SCANDI-NAVIA		SOUTH AMERICA		SPAIN AND PORTUGAL		SWITZER-LAND		UNITED STATES		MISCEL-LEANEOUS		TOTAL	
NUMBER RECEIVED	Purchase	Gift	Purchase	Gift	Purchase	Gift	Purchase	Gift	Purchase	Gift	Purchase	Gift	Purchase	Gift	Purchase	Gift
Frequency of Publication in the year																
365	1	5	6	3	3	49	4	2	2	--	46	213	--	73	113	390
156	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	1	17	--	--	5	25
104	--	1	--	2	1	1	--	--	1	--	1	15	--	3	6	31
52	2	16	7	11	2	29	5	11	5	4	140	526	17	66	428	879
48	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
36	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	4	--	--	4	6
26	--	1	--	1	--	--	1	--	--	--	7	46	--	--	22	55
24	1	5	--	2	1	11	5	5	7	5	30	135	--	1	160	262
20	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	21	1	1
12	10	29	8	27	3	13	12	31	19	26	346	1,898	13	151	990	2,814
10	--	--	4	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	25	19	18	--	46	21
9	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	17	14	4	--	21	14
8	1	1	2	2	1	--	--	--	--	--	13	6	1	--	22	14
6	1	5	9	2	2	14	--	--	3	6	52	106	7	3	170	188
5	1	2	2	1	--	--	2	4	--	--	4	18	2	--	14	28
4	2	2	22	4	2	19	5	4	16	9	135	367	34	3	476	565
3	--	--	1	1	--	1	--	1	1	--	1	2	3	1	17	10
2	--	1	1	1	--	1	--	--	1	--	6	29	5	1	40	53
Annual & Biennial Irregularly	3	16	36	188	8	9	18	60	2	45	334	4,585	136	26	1,471	7,028
Total	54	126	159	323	22	39	82	157	20	263	1,510	9,601	297	168	6,141	15,351
																736
																22,228

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 1968 new titles have been added during the year, and 732 titles have been deducted.
 "Miscellaneous" includes periodicals from the following countries: Arabia, Bulgaria, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Dantzic, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Jugoslavia, Latvia, Liberia, Lithuania, Mesopotamia, Monaco, Nicaragua, Panama, Persia, Poland, Rumania, Salvador, Santo Domingo, Siam, Silesia, Turkey.

TABLE 4
STATISTICS OF BOOKS RECEIVED AND EXCHANGED
REFERENCE DEPARTMENT, 1925

	VOLUMES	PAMPHLETS	MAPS	PRINTS	TOTAL PIECES
BOOKS RECEIVED:					
Purchases -----	25,723	8,520	37	26	34,306
Gifts -----	41,375	131,786	772	523	174,456
Exchanges -----	1,843	3,203	---	---	5,046
Total -----	68,941	143,509	809	549	213,808
BOOKS EXCHANGED:					
Incoming -----	1,843	3,203	---	---	5,046
Outgoing -----	2,202	980	---	---	3,182
Total -----	4,045	4,183	---	---	8,228

TABLE 5
VOLUMES AND PAMPHLETS IN REFERENCE DEPARTMENT, 1925

	BOOKS	"P. V." PAM- PHLETS	"N. C." PAM- PHLETS	MANILA ROPE BUNDLES AND PRESS- BOARDS	TOTAL
December 31, 1924 -----	1,200,052	348,045	4,784	114,816	1,667,697
Additions (gross), 1925 -----	53,465†	15,229	663	10,675	80,032
Withdrawals -----	2,245	---	---	5,000*	7,245
Missing -----	1,000*	---	---	---	1,000
Net additions, 1925 -----	50,220	15,229	663	5,675	71,787
December 31, 1925 -----	1,250,272	363,274	5,447	120,491	1,739,484

* Estimated.

† Total volumes accessioned during year less p.v.'s and n.c.'s which are counted as pamphlets.

TABLE 6
COMPARATIVE STATISTICS, MAIN READING ROOM, 1919-1925
REFERENCE DEPARTMENT, 1925

	1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920	1919
Total volumes consulted	1,049,124	1,020,756	907,922	860,989	835,254	675,274	624,506

PERCENTAGE OF VOLUMES CONSULTED. BY CLASSES

	1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920	1919
Art -----	4.86	5.02	5.63	5.59	5.47	5.52	5.26
Bibliography -----	1.36	1.40	1.53	1.29	1.33	1.52	1.70
Biography -----	4.45	4.17	3.85	3.19	3.01	3.07	3.09
Economics -----	16.02	16.18	15.70	16.98	16.85	16.58	18.17
Geography -----	.99	.88	.89	.83	.86	.85	.97
History -----	8.26	7.86	8.13	8.13	8.33	8.36	9.35
Law -----	1.41	1.46	1.35	1.23	1.13	1.18	1.47
Literature (American } and English) ----- }	15.57	15.38	14.05	13.22	13.98	13.93	15.48
Literature (All other) ---	12.60	12.73	12.60	13.57	13.90	13.11	10.50
Medicine -----	3.81	4.11	4.34	4.70	4.59	4.43	4.04
Philology -----	2.21	2.19	2.15	2.28	2.30	2.16	2.31
Philosophy -----	7.42	7.27	7.55	7.98	7.50	7.61	7.20
Religion -----	3.58	3.47	3.36	3.44	3.46	3.31	3.43
Science -----	4.19	4.07	4.25	4.30	3.88	4.02	3.41
Technology -----	4.42	4.73	4.60	4.47	4.55	4.92	5.98
General Periodicals -----	8.85	9.08	10.02	8.80	8.86	9.43	7.64

TABLE 7
STATISTICS OF BOOKS CATALOGUED AND ACCESSIONED
(PREPARATION DIVISION)
REFERENCE DEPARTMENT, 1925

BOOKS CATALOGUED:

New Work:	TITLES		VOLUMES OR PIECES	
By Printer's Slip	26,311		28,011	
With Library of Congress Cards	7,554		7,817	
Continuation Work and Second Copies.....	1,783	35,648	2,997	38,825
Recatalogued:				
By New Printer's Slip.....	1,472		3,121	
With Library of Congress Cards.....	843		1,109	
By Correcting Old Cards.....	1,722	4,037	1,941	6,171

SERIALS CATALOGUED:

New Work:				
By Printer's Slip.....	2,492		6,001	
With Library of Congress Cards.....	101		611	
Continuation Work and Second Copies.....	10,625	13,218	18,859	25,471
Recatalogued:				
By New Printer's Slip.....	125		1,047	
With Library of Congress Cards.....	28		335	
By Correcting Old Cards.....	128	281	1,212	2,594

DOCUMENTS CATALOGUED:

New Work:				
By Printer's Slip.....	3,628		4,102	
With Library of Congress Cards	1,041		1,131	
Continuation Work and Second Copies.....	374	5,043	476	5,709
Recatalogued:				
By New Printer's Slip.....	349		470	
With Library of Congress Cards	184		452	
By Correcting Old Cards.....	173	706	303	1,225

SERIAL DOCUMENTS CATALOGUED:

New Work:				
By Printer's Slip.....	973		2,810	
With Library of Congress Cards.....	127		306	
Continuation Work and Second Copies.....	7,540	8,640	15,502	18,618
Recatalogued:				
By New Printer's Slip ..	84		174	
With Library of Congress Cards	7		83	
By Correcting Old Cards.....	40	131	268	525

MAPS CATALOGUED	981		1,151	
GRAND TOTAL—BOOKS, SERIALS, MAPS, AND DOCUMENTS } CATALOGUED	68,685		100,289	

TABLE 7 — *Concluded*
 STATISTICS OF BOOKS CATALOGUED AND ACCESSIONED
 (PREPARATION DIVISION)
 REFERENCE DEPARTMENT, 1925

SLIPS WRITTEN FOR PRINTER.....	43,201
CARDS ADDED TO CATALOGUES:	
Cards printed	276,089
Cards purchased from Library of Congress.....	90,466
Cards from copying machine.....	230
Cards typewritten	42,570
Index Cards typewritten.....	21,463
Total.....	430,818
CARDS ADDED TO OR CORRECTED:	
Cards added to	80,574
Index Cards added to.....	728
Cards corrected	103,447
Total.....	184,749
AUTHORITY SLIP WORK:	
New Authority Slips made.....	23,684
Authority Slips changed.....	3,032
Official Cards changed.....	21,745
TEMPORARY CARDS MADE.....	81,881
CATALOGUED BY CENTRAL CIRCULATION.....	4,102
CARDS SENT TO LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.....	66,300
CLASSIFICATION:	
Books	26,743
Pamphlets	13,613
N. C. Pamphlets	4,666
Books Reclassified	7,205
Pamphlets Reclassified	1,685
Total.....	53,912
ITEMS SUBJECT HEADED.....	46,932
ACCESSIONS:	
Purchase and Exchange.....	30,387
Gifts	23,078
Pamphlet Volumes (made up of 15,229 pamphlets).....	1,482
"Not Catalogued" Volumes (made up of 663 pamphlets).....	41
Total.....	54,988
Accession numbers cancelled.....	2,245
Net gain in Accessions.....	52,743
UNACCESSIONED MATERIAL SENT TO SHELVES INCLUDED:	
Pamphlets in Pressboard.....	4,201
Packages in Manila Rope.....	6,474
Insertions	21,345
BOUND BOOKS RECEIVED FROM BINDERY.....	40,883

TABLE 8
THE PREPARATION DIVISION
REFERENCE DEPARTMENT, 1925

On January 1st, 1925, a new system of cataloguing statistics in the Preparation Division was begun. The change was made with reluctance, as such a step made it difficult to compare one year's work with another recorded under a different system. However, the old system of counting cataloguing statistics merely in volumes and pamphlets was misleading and inaccurate, especially in the case of serials where, for instance, anything over half of the issues of a monthly magazine were counted as one volume, and less than half were counted as pamphlets. The new form of statistics notes both titles and volumes or pieces. Thus a twenty volume set will count, not as one title but as twenty volumes, or pieces. Serial statistics are made up by counting a volume or part of a volume as one piece. An incomplete serial set will, accordingly, count for much less under the present form of statistics than it would under the old form.

The detailed figures for the work of the division are given in Table 7 in the Appendix. The number of books and pamphlets catalogued shows a decided increase over last year. Serials and Serial Documents show an apparent decrease on account of the change in statistics. The total cataloguing for 1925 was 68,685 titles in 100,289 volumes or pieces. The cataloguing figures for recent years according to the former method of statistics were:

1920	-	-	-	72,985	1923	-	-	-	83,345
1921	-	-	-	86,771	1924	-	-	-	102,388
1922	-	-	-	92,278					

The present conservatively reckoned figure of 100,289 undoubtedly represents a substantial increase over the number for the year before of 102,388, and a still greater increase over the figures of the preceding years.

Only the statistics of cataloguing have been changed. If figures for forms of statistics which have been compiled this year just as in other years are compared, the increase in work accomplished is still more striking. Four figures which together cover pretty well the main work of the division are: the printer's slips sent down to the printer from which the printed cards are made, the total items classified, the total bound volumes accessioned, and the total volumes bound.

		PRINTER'S		CLASSIFI-			
		SLIPS		CATION		ACCESSIONS	BINDING
1920	-	-	-	29,033	37,045	34,572	18,643
1921	-	-	-	32,436	51,222	36,644	23,416
1922	-	-	-	36,189	47,010	38,539	27,110
1923	-	-	-	34,999	48,413	45,350	33,671
1924	-	-	-	39,338	47,848	53,047	37,984
1925	-	-	-	43,201	53,912	54,988	40,883

TABLE 8 — *Continued*

THE PREPARATION DIVISION

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT, 1925

The work of the Preparation Division during 1925 was not only distinctly greater in each one of these respects than in any other recent year, but it showed a percentage increase over 1920 of 45 per cent for Classification, 48 per cent for Printer's Slips, 55 per cent for Accessions, and 119 per cent for Binding.

During 1925 there has been a net increase of 71,787 volumes and pamphlets to the number available for use by the public. This makes the total resources of the Reference Department, December 31, 1925, 1,739,484 volumes and pamphlets. Just how this figure is obtained is shown in Table 5, in the Appendix.

A great deal of the work of the division has not been on current additions. During 1925 almost 9,000 books and pamphlets were reclassified and over 5,000 titles were recatalogued. Over 80,000 cards already filed in the catalogues have been added to, and over 100,000 old cards have been corrected.

Early in 1925 it was decided to go over the books in the Reserve Room shelf by shelf, making sure that these — the most valuable books in the Library — were properly brought out under subject and were represented in both the Reserve and the Public Catalogue by full sets of cards. A classification was devised for these books, using subdivisions of *K. During the year 2,450 books were reclassified into *KF and *KL (Post 1,800 printing and literature). Slightly more than half of them were recatalogued either by printer's slip or with new Library of Congress cards. For the rest, the old cards were corrected and such additional cards as were necessary were typed. Already this has involved the typing of over 2,000 cards and the correction of over 12,000 others.

The largest collection handled by the Preparation Division this year was the Jerome B. Howard Shorthand Collection. Several thousand books and pamphlets were searched to learn whether they were in the Library. Perhaps a thousand books and pamphlets were classified and fully catalogued and many more ephemeral pamphlets were bound up into sixteen "N. C." volumes, (*i.e.*, volumes catalogued as a whole, not as individual pieces), or were pasted into eight scrapbooks. The Miskovsky collection of Bohemian books has been classified and subject headed and in part catalogued during the year. The Henry George Collection was catalogued and here again much work was done on preparing six "N. C." volumes and twenty-seven scrapbooks.

This year for the first time in some years an attempt has been made to estimate the number of cards in the different catalogues. This was done by counting the number of cards of average thickness that were contained in one

TABLE 8 — *Concluded*
THE PREPARATION DIVISION
REFERENCE DEPARTMENT, 1925

inch and then measuring the number of inches in each catalogue tray. Table 9 in the Appendix gives the detailed estimates as of December 31, 1925. It shows approximately 5,000,000 cards in the Public catalogue and 4,000,000 cards in all other catalogues.

During 1925 over 400,000 cards were added to all the catalogues in the building. Allowing about 1,000 cards to a tray, and they ought not to have many more, or they are heavy to handle and difficult to use, this means 400 new trays needed every year. Probably 150 new catalogue trays are necessary in the Public Catalogue alone. Certainly within five years and perhaps sooner an addition to the Public Catalogue will be necessary.

A still more serious question arises through the wear and tear of the cards in the Public Catalogue. That catalogue is subjected to probably the greatest constant use that any large library catalogue has ever been subjected to, and it is breaking under the strain. The cards in much-used sections become appallingly dirty and the corners bearing the classmarks are broken off or rendered illegible. During 1925 certain of the worst sections have been reprinted. This makes an awkward situation for the Staff of the Information Desk, while the cards are out, and slows down the current work both in the Preparation Division and in the Printing Office. Within ten or fifteen years whole sections of the catalogue will have to be replaced at great expense. The question must be faced whether the Library can afford to continue furnishing a dictionary card catalogue for the unlimited use of an unrestricted public.

The Preparation Division is working under increasingly disadvantageous conditions. Increases in Staff, increases in card catalogues, increases in the necessary reference books and most of all increases in the vast flood of accessions have crowded the allotted working quarters most unfortunately. The working rooms would accommodate a Staff of forty or fifty. The present Staff of 120, is jammed into these two rooms and overflows onto the four levels of the two-block-long book-stack. The result is unsanitary working conditions, inconvenient distances for workers and difficult supervision. All these factors tend to increase the cost of preparing a book for the shelves. When possible, all the work of the Preparation Division should be centered in one long well-ventilated room.

TABLE 9

CARDS IN CATALOGUES, DEC. 31, 1925

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT, 1925

General Public Catalogue.....		3,322,031
Other Public Catalogues:		
Science and Technology Division.....	567,200	
Economics Division.....	532,393	
American History Room.....	219,300	
Music Division.....	152,205	
Slavonic Division.....	128,192	
Art Division.....	124,480	
Reserve Room.....	107,557	
Oriental Division.....	105,284	
Genealogy Division.....	101,580	
Prints Division.....	98,650	
Jewish Division.....	63,970	
Map Room.....	43,055	
Manuscript Room.....	31,065	
Periodical Division.....	17,900	
Newspaper Division.....	10,635	
Preparation Division.....	2,875	
Patents.....	2,800	2,309,141
Official Catalogues.....		1,930,795
Shelf-Lists.....		890,397
Library of Congress Catalogue (Second Floor).....		834,592
Library of Congress Catalogue (Room 315).....		802,740
Central Circulation Catalogue (Room 315).....		74,435
Total Cards in Catalogues.....		10,164,131

TABLE 10
STATISTICS OF THE PRINTING OFFICE AND BINDERY
JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1925

PRINTING OFFICE

CATALOGUE CARDS, STATIONERY FORMS, BLANKS, ETC.

CATALOGUE CARDS:

	TITLES PER CENT.	CARDS PER CENT.
Reference Department Catalogue Cards-----	40,190 = 71.824	342,389 = 66.216
Circulation Department Catalogue Cards-----	9,196 = 16.434	128,572 = 24.864
Central Circulation Catalogue Cards-----	6,570 = 11.741	46,120 = 8.919
Total-----	55,956 = 99.999	517,081 = 99.999

STATIONERY FORMS:

	PIECES PER CENT.
Reference Department Stationery Forms, etc-----	6,515,902 = 53.750
Circulation Department Stationery Forms, etc-----	4,786,233 = 39.481
Municipal Reference Library Stationery Forms, etc-----	112,500 = .928
Central Circulation Stationery Forms, etc-----	590,594 = 4.872
Library School Stationery Forms, etc-----	117,425 = .968
Total-----	12,122,654 = 99.999

PUBLICATIONS

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT:

	COPIES
Bulletin. Volume 29 (Jan. - Nov.). 844 p. 15 illus. 4°	17,050
Staff News. Volume 15 (Jan. - Dec.). 159 p. 8°-----	50,350
Title-page for Volume 14. 4 p. 8°-----	200
New Technical Books. Volume 10. 64 p. 4°-----	4,800
Title-page for Volumes 6-10, 1921-1925. 4 p. 4°----	600
Title-page for Volume 5, 1920. 4 p. 8°-----	600
Branch Library Book News. Volume 2 (Jan. - Nov.).	
180 p. 4°-----	72,000
Title-page and Contents for Volume 1. 4 p. 4°-----	500
List of Publications of The New York Public Library.	
12 p. 4°-----	300
Egypt.* 508 p. 4°-----	700
Flatboating on the Yellowstone, 1877.* 24 p. 1 illus. 4°	300
Circular of Prints Division. 12 p. 16°-----	500
Report of the Treasurer. 70 p. ob. 8°-----	100
The Photostat in Reference Work.* 128 p. 5 illus. 4°	500
Editions of Beaumarchais in New York City.* 24 p. 4°	300
Boswell's "Observations on 'The Minor.'"* 4 p. 4°---	50
Folk Music of the Western Hemisphere.* 80 p. 4°----	300
Report of the Director. 116 p. 2 illus. 4°-----	1,000
Circular of the Robinson Locke Dramatic Collection	
in The New York Public Library. 100 p. 16°----	2,000
Publications of The New York Public Library for	
Trade List Annual. 8 p. 4°-----	2,000
Central Building Guide. 36 p.-----	3,000
Ford Collection Portraits.* 4 p. 4°-----	100
Eno Collection.* 88 p. 4 illus. 4°-----	500
What did Macaulay say about America?* 32 p.	
4 illus. 4°-----	300
The Walt Whitman Exhibition. 4 p. 4°-----	7,500
The Lost Librarian — Commencement Address, Library	
School. 20 p. 4°-----	150

Carried forward,

165,700

* Reprinted from the Bulletin.

TABLE 10 — *Concluded*

STATISTICS OF THE PRINTING OFFICE AND BINDERY

<i>Publications brought forward,</i>		165,700
REFERENCE DEPARTMENT, <i>continued</i>		COPIES
Provençal Literature and Language. 896 p. 4°	300	
Action of Finance Committee. 10 p. 4°	30	
Check-List of Early English Printing, 1475-1640.*		
72 p. 4°	150	480
Total		166,180 = 62.952%
CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT:		
Supplement to Books in Revised Braille, Grade 2.		
4 p. 4°	500	500 = .190%
MUNICIPAL REFERENCE LIBRARY:		
Municipal Reference Library Notes. Volume 11.		
168 p. 8°	88,200	
Title-page and Index for Volume 10. 24 p. 8°	500	88,700 = 33.600%
LIBRARY SCHOOL:		
Circular of Information. 32 p. 1 illus. 8°	2,000	
Circular of Facts for Enquirers. 4 p. 16°	3,000	
Library School Notes. Volume 13. 4 p. 8°	700	
The Lost Librarian — Commencement Address. 20 p. 4°	200	
Circular of Information. 36 p. 1 illus. 8°	2,700	8,600 = 3.257%
Grand total		263,980 = 99.999%

BINDERY

	BOUND	REPAIRED	MISC.	TOTAL	PRINTING OFFICE
Reference Department	39,984	1,151	5,369	46,504	22,719
Central Circulation	9,125	6	6,849	15,980	---
Schiff Collection	899	8	24	931	---
Library School	51	---	150	201	---
Circulation Department	92	---	---	92	---
Total	50,151	1,165	12,392	63,708	22,719

TABLE 11

NEWSPAPERS DISPLAYED IN THE NEWSPAPER ROOM
REFERENCE DEPARTMENT, 1925

DOMESTIC

Albany	New Orleans
Knickerbocker Press	Times-Picayune
Atlanta	New York
Atlanta Constitution	Courier des États-Unis
Baltimore	New York American
Sun	New York Evening Post
Boston	New York Herald New York Tribune
Boston Post	New York Telegram
Christian Science Monitor	New York Times
Brooklyn	New-Yorker Staats-Zeitung
Brooklyn Daily Eagle	Progresso Italo-Americano
Buffalo	Sun
Buffalo Evening News	World
Burlington	Newark
Burlington Daily News	Newark Evening News
Chicago	Omaha
Chicago Daily Tribune	Omaha Morning Bee
Cincinnati	Peoria
Cincinnati Enquirer	Peoria Journal
Cleveland	Philadelphia
Cleveland Press	Public Ledger and North American
Columbia	Pittsburgh
State	Pittsburgh Gazette Times
Columbus	Portland, Me.
Columbus Evening Dispatch	Portland Press Herald
Denver	Portland, Ore.
Denver Post	Morning Oregonian
Des Moines	Providence
Des Moines Capital	Providence Journal
Detroit	Rochester
Detroit Free Press	Rochester Herald
Fort Worth	St. Louis
Fort Worth Star-Telegram	St. Louis Globe-Democrat
Hartford	St. Paul
Hartford Courant	St. Paul Pioneer Press
Houston	Salt Lake City
Houston Chronicle	Salt Lake Telegram
Indianapolis	Scranton
Indianapolis News	Scranton Republican
Jacksonville	Seattle
Florida Times-Union	Seattle Post-Intelligencer
Kansas City	Spokane
Kansas City Star	Spokesman-Review
Los Angeles	Springfield
Los Angeles Evening Express	Springfield Daily Republican
Louisville	Toledo
Courier-Journal	Toledo Blade
Lowell	Troy
Lowell Sun	Troy Times
Milwaukee	Washington
Milwaukee Journal	Washington Post
Minneapolis	Wilmington
Minneapolis Morning Tribune	Wilmington Morning News

FOREIGN

Edinburgh	Montreal	Sydney
Scotsman		Sydney Morning Herald
London	Montreal Daily Star	Toronto
Daily News		Globe

TABLE 12
STATISTICS OF WORK WITH CHILDREN
CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT, 1925

BRANCHES	NEW REGISTRA- TION	CIRCULA- TION	NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN CHILDREN'S ROOMS	NUMBER OF ADDITIONS	NUMBER OF DEDUC- TIONS	TOTAL FICTION CIRCULA- TION
Central Circulation:						
Children's Room	632	33,744	13,288	1,569	1,083	20,455
Chatham Square	1,337	81,164	5,087	1,152	1,375	39,712
Seward Park	2,014	138,096	8,628	2,769	3,061	66,133
Rivington Street	1,747	119,188	5,916	1,658	2,241	56,257
Hamilton Fish Park	2,138	112,411	6,485	3,164	4,314	55,935
Hudson Park	1,024	68,924	5,875	1,483	1,626	35,937
Ottendorfer	800	57,211	5,952	565	871	31,756
Tompkins Square	2,046	124,987	7,346	2,187	2,885	63,451
Jackson Square	547	28,070	2,831	693	761	15,814
Epiphany	662	40,211	4,106	684	428	22,018
Muhlenberg	428	30,293	3,965	415	553	15,923
St. Gabriel's Park	614	43,319	3,485	686	986	25,778
West 40th Street	1,051	71,856	5,136	712	438	40,475
Cathedral	403	32,285	3,380	524	480	18,262
Columbus	1,002	82,970	6,438	1,878	1,532	36,792
58th Street	414	29,989	4,940	459	246	18,950
67th Street	1,113	105,488	6,614	1,379	1,886	54,339
Riverside	794	48,147	4,299	676	905	21,440
Webster	1,342	83,092	5,605	1,048	1,305	49,222
Yorkville	1,054	70,436	5,350	1,015	1,260	35,993
St. Agnes	704	34,643	4,830	503	399	19,752
96th Street	2,012	164,749	7,864	2,756	3,075	96,043
Bloomingdale	1,140	50,078	3,126	598	450	25,065
Aguilar	2,237	127,535	6,717	1,765	2,251	69,599
115th Street	1,210	75,609	5,552	1,163	1,084	36,891
Harlem Library	948	59,299	4,953	1,032	1,227	30,620
125th Street	1,658	71,284	4,406	1,223	1,386	34,080
George Bruce	1,091	67,109	6,221	969	1,122	36,990
135th Street	1,051	54,325	4,671	625	572	26,228
Hamilton Grange	1,148	77,296	5,763	1,318	1,510	39,793
Washington Heights	997	59,027	6,196	930	1,102	35,608
Fort Washington	1,509	66,514	4,613	840	844	36,098
Mott Haven	1,949	89,631	6,341	1,428	2,173	47,696
Woodstock	2,674	127,484	8,441	2,148	2,699	58,727
Melrose	1,501	76,838	5,270	1,197	1,355	38,165
High Bridge	655	25,440	3,228	259	402	14,388
Morrisania	2,595	146,036	8,077	2,001	3,042	77,880
Tremont	2,743	161,500	8,464	2,450	2,322	92,688
Fordham	2,311	108,386	10,532	1,121	440	59,005
Kingsbridge	329	17,488	3,449	228	151	11,297
St. George	453	21,093	4,077	282	443	12,601
Stapleton	483	36,320	2,801	522	851	19,037
Port Richmond	668	59,727	3,957	830	944	33,749
Tottenville	157	24,876	3,714	392	354	21,369
Total	53,385	3,204,168	247,989	51,296	58,434	1,698,011
Extension Division	---	209,608	26,967	2,628	9,332	144,030
Grand Total	53,385	3,413,776	274,956	53,924	67,766	1,842,041

TABLE 13
NUMBER AND CLASSES OF VOLUMES IN CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT
31 DECEMBER, 1925

BRANCHES	FICTION	GENERAL WORKS	PHILOSOPHY	RELIGION	SOCIOLOGY	PHILOLOGY	SCIENCE	USEFUL ARTS
Central Building	15,354	379	2,996	1,486	7,870	544	2,895	7,485
Children's Room	4,461	262	51	199	1,454	172	700	586
Extension Division	35,130	684	933	1,098	4,783	1,366	2,793	2,766
Library for the Blind	7,546	183	183	1,309	848	694	555	371
Chatham Square	4,524	227	198	276	1,979	396	404	807
Seward Park	10,189	617	482	901	3,485	1,279	1,037	1,359
Rivington Street	6,836	448	256	370	1,764	701	616	655
Hamilton Fish Park	6,894	780	330	543	2,176	534	829	935
Hudson Park	6,130	453	196	237	1,590	630	416	629
Ottendorfer	8,065	390	240	275	1,740	398	818	1,168
Tompkins Square	8,930	524	411	344	2,133	626	949	1,023
Jackson Square	6,744	366	295	193	1,013	303	564	742
Epiphany	4,659	345	264	257	1,324	328	537	914
Muhlenberg	5,895	444	245	327	1,100	333	544	1,014
St. Gabriel's Park	4,707	274	126	206	838	228	403	599
West 40th Street	6,087	643	166	288	1,290	366	428	730
Cathedral	4,506	489	226	769	863	269	317	371
Columbus	5,935	362	200	532	1,850	725	663	945
58th Street	7,110	1,502	515	633	1,991	312	903	1,448
67th Street	6,185	624	307	427	1,669	689	680	1,530
Riverside	6,150	300	368	334	1,444	404	580	839
Webster	9,765	1,024	428	468	2,050	570	1,005	1,137
Yorkville	7,212	618	360	341	2,072	552	778	1,327
St. Agnes	7,029	554	386	531	1,538	435	669	1,000
96th Street	8,589	561	358	475	2,574	659	810	1,116
Bloomingdale	6,444	337	438	404	1,685	458	672	1,175
Aguilar	9,015	729	290	454	1,943	588	686	945
115th Street	5,900	658	601	422	2,396	612	956	1,294
Harlem Library	5,048	392	336	314	1,452	374	468	739
125th Street	4,820	350	193	196	1,354	561	530	825
George Bruce	8,494	493	300	333	1,658	386	710	1,108
135th Street	4,641	386	302	242	1,742	349	554	957
Hamilton Grange	6,556	360	298	855	1,558	474	606	951
Washington Heights	8,891	716	429	542	2,276	451	852	1,437
Fort Washington	7,712	436	468	437	2,038	371	849	1,535
Mott Haven	6,690	480	267	270	1,953	416	740	1,240
Woodstock	9,856	415	451	511	3,019	968	1,067	1,564
Melrose	5,986	327	235	601	1,661	615	588	1,061
High Bridge	4,253	235	138	150	639	257	285	561
Morrisania	8,263	452	483	486	2,366	701	856	1,298
Tremont	10,725	515	557	609	3,096	794	1,269	2,043
Fordham	13,006	314	454	553	2,652	687	987	1,249
Kingsbridge	4,135	217	131	144	757	163	396	552
St. George	6,002	518	262	389	1,480	192	642	1,049
Stapleton	4,687	255	102	75	759	271	322	600
Port Richmond	5,385	300	178	183	1,050	331	338	740
Tottenville	4,530	549	153	152	819	139	399	605
Central Reserve	13,152	4,048	2,552	6,510	11,765	942	4,665	5,652
Total	368,823	26,535	20,138	27,651	101,556	24,613	40,330	60,676

TABLE 13 — *Concluded*

NUMBER AND CLASSES OF VOLUMES IN CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

31 DECEMBER, 1925

BRANCHES	FINE ARTS	LITERATURE	TRAVEL	BIOGRAPHY	HISTORY	TOTAL	BOOKS ON HAND DEC. 31, NOT ACCESSIONED
Central Building.....	6,909	12,479	4,417	5,939	5,685	74,438	71
Children's Room.....	1,308	1,285	726	923	1,161	13,288	---
Extension Division.....	2,589	7,331	3,638	3,717	4,002	70,830	---
Library for the Blind.....	4,889	1,479	454	728	938	20,177	2
Chatham Square.....	711	2,191	458	690	1,104	13,965	8
Seward Park.....	1,109	5,876	788	1,621	2,369	31,112	77
Rivington Street.....	800	3,482	515	833	1,281	18,557	21
Hamilton Fish Park.....	1,276	3,650	664	1,120	2,033	21,764	34
Hudson Park.....	973	2,361	631	962	970	16,178	18
Ottendorfer.....	1,097	3,324	934	1,555	1,565	21,569	14
Tompkins Square.....	1,015	4,268	806	1,175	1,670	23,874	24
Jackson Square.....	911	3,266	1,045	1,220	1,176	17,838	74
Epiphany.....	717	1,945	586	811	888	13,575	---
Muhlenberg.....	1,083	2,049	720	829	1,122	15,705	---
St. Gabriel's Park.....	626	1,763	512	829	838	11,949	---
West 40th Street.....	688	1,759	604	860	836	14,745	32
Cathedral.....	475	1,177	410	833	895	11,600	17
Columbus.....	784	1,972	684	966	1,058	16,676	16
58th Street.....	8,653	4,579	1,549	2,185	1,643	33,023	190
67th Street.....	1,623	2,720	1,000	1,260	1,541	20,255	130
Riverside.....	1,464	2,508	771	924	1,055	17,141	33
Webster.....	2,178	4,839	1,477	1,541	1,949	28,431	13
Yorkville.....	1,591	3,313	1,018	1,343	1,579	22,104	8
St. Agnes.....	1,586	3,019	1,067	1,362	1,550	20,726	---
96th Street.....	1,377	3,876	883	1,405	1,676	24,359	---
Bloomington.....	1,569	3,416	894	1,384	1,372	20,248	57
Aguilar.....	992	4,277	733	1,326	2,064	24,042	22
115th Street.....	1,869	4,303	977	1,510	1,875	23,373	97
Harlem Library.....	1,229	2,901	710	950	985	15,898	29
125th Street.....	769	2,061	551	667	966	13,843	23
George Bruce.....	1,448	3,209	1,037	1,442	1,549	22,167	---
135th Street.....	1,379	2,162	798	816	1,164	15,492	156
Hamilton Grange.....	1,085	2,871	815	1,255	1,199	18,883	55
Washington Heights.....	2,058	4,006	1,704	2,041	2,269	27,672	28
Fort Washington.....	1,638	3,494	989	1,235	1,645	22,847	249
Mott Haven.....	1,053	1,729	747	1,148	1,346	18,079	30
Woodstock.....	1,562	4,755	889	1,496	1,949	28,502	54
Melrose.....	1,159	2,367	616	901	1,269	17,386	25
High Bridge.....	833	981	403	502	502	9,739	---
Morrisania.....	1,227	3,028	712	1,073	1,579	22,524	---
Tremont.....	1,776	5,515	1,280	1,785	2,314	32,278	250
Fordham.....	1,598	3,785	990	1,470	1,873	29,618	169
Kingsbridge.....	783	1,536	500	647	819	10,780	---
St. George.....	1,636	2,424	763	989	1,435	17,781	---
Stapleton.....	801	1,449	434	553	648	10,956	---
Port Richmond.....	555	1,313	515	476	771	12,135	---
Tottenville.....	744	1,395	551	567	741	11,344	---
Central Reserve.....	3,964	11,282	5,953	10,789	7,051	88,325	---
Total.....	78,159	160,770	49,918	70,653	77,969	1,107,791	2,026

TABLE 14
CIRCULATION OF BOOKS FOR HOME USE BY CLASSES
CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT, 1925

BRANCHES	FICTION	GENERAL WORKS	PHILOSOPHY	RELIGION	SOCIOLOGY	PHILOLOGY	SCIENCE	USEFUL ARTS
Central Building	271,965	1,798	34,243	12,296	37,113	6,174	21,727	39,953
Children's Room	20,455	24	46	352	4,300	554	977	636
Extension Division	277,915	8,206	3,939	4,147	31,803	11,386	8,177	6,389
Library for the Blind	17,069	13,455	154	808	727	377	372	233
Chatham Square	66,598	3,150	754	1,468	19,935	8,887	1,857	2,093
Seward Park	164,288	8,926	3,484	6,929	32,052	13,878	5,705	5,557
Rivington Street	110,635	9,061	1,861	3,698	26,329	11,568	3,993	3,465
Hamilton Fish Park	128,538	4,666	1,513	4,184	24,646	7,927	4,192	3,768
Hudson Park	76,240	6,557	870	1,179	15,295	6,808	1,712	2,337
Ottendorfer	108,817	7,527	1,551	1,507	11,549	3,278	2,337	2,474
Tompkins Square	148,197	5,688	1,884	2,304	24,204	12,096	4,894	4,910
Jackson Square	80,209	4,655	1,528	879	5,227	1,964	1,896	2,029
Epiphany	68,537	4,045	1,386	955	9,121	3,877	2,245	3,022
Muhlenberg	65,908	7,035	1,111	893	6,923	1,813	1,456	3,162
St. Gabriel's Park	69,610	6,634	729	1,574	8,025	2,864	1,462	2,197
West 40th Street	76,037	6,885	618	806	14,257	5,647	1,227	2,106
Cathedral	48,247	3,651	976	3,269	4,719	1,913	587	975
Columbus	78,119	7,591	651	1,348	20,424	11,579	2,131	2,870
58th Street	75,043	6,322	2,117	1,373	6,932	1,103	2,317	3,479
67th Street	106,125	7,141	869	1,797	18,049	13,071	3,331	4,604
Riverside	77,754	12,600	1,703	1,282	10,163	5,848	1,682	2,892
Webster	123,073	7,649	1,210	1,260	15,741	3,561	2,858	4,095
Yorkville	111,748	8,805	1,376	1,738	14,557	4,521	4,498	6,042
St. Agnes	106,535	6,071	2,065	1,663	7,401	2,682	3,071	3,528
96th Street	199,072	7,636	2,723	3,880	31,183	9,412	5,185	5,073
Bloomington	118,536	10,399	2,576	1,950	11,765	3,833	3,726	5,278
Angular	159,460	10,414	2,038	3,171	29,613	7,209	3,884	4,346
115th Street	118,622	8,541	3,110	2,567	16,605	7,447	4,819	4,580
Harlem Library	78,666	4,029	1,550	1,754	13,735	3,859	2,436	3,357
125th Street	71,822	3,760	1,010	1,357	12,546	8,395	2,935	3,098
George Bruce	129,393	10,771	2,166	1,924	13,562	5,475	4,099	4,593
135th Street	60,671	4,578	2,220	1,644	16,511	4,164	3,650	3,718
Hamilton Grange	150,129	8,961	2,177	2,369	16,458	6,627	3,648	4,633
Washington Heights	120,065	11,986	2,207	1,992	12,299	4,053	3,745	5,487
Fort Washington	152,595	12,898	2,955	1,697	16,418	4,160	4,328	6,184
Mott Haven	118,866	6,493	1,213	1,546	20,713	4,695	3,746	5,272
Woodstock	188,153	12,714	3,751	4,164	31,298	12,055	6,644	7,285
Melrose	109,133	7,098	1,204	1,244	18,088	10,329	2,454	3,393
High Bridge	50,851	1,606	692	417	4,222	2,586	1,039	1,621
Morrisania	207,304	7,809	3,810	2,743	34,200	13,839	5,269	6,824
Tremont	227,696	18,763	3,618	4,084	27,685	10,938	7,608	7,472
Fordham	198,645	9,941	3,635	3,567	19,264	7,051	7,109	8,390
Kingsbridge	32,619	3,324	376	249	2,917	898	932	1,057
St. George	55,895	3,571	783	655	4,282	845	1,301	1,980
Stapleton	56,639	2,210	484	380	6,374	4,746	865	1,359
Port Richmond	74,867	7,075	622	467	9,582	5,662	1,381	2,617
Tottenville	36,676	3,825	231	214	2,759	1,362	809	1,278
Total	5,194,037	336,544	111,789	101,744	741,571	283,016	166,316	211,711

TABLE 14—*Concluded*

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS FOR HOME USE BY CLASSES

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT, 1925

BRANCHES	FINE ARTS	LITERATURE	TRAVEL	BIOGRAPHY	HISTORY	TOTAL	FOREIGN *
Central Building	46,567	99,228	21,562	29,894	25,206	647,726	58,125
Children's Room	1,837	1,257	857	1,004	1,445	33,744	185
Extension Division	7,402	28,047	10,850	13,233	17,249	428,743	3,062
Library for the Blind	2,083	1,242	550	771	821	38,662	492
Chatham Square	2,645	6,594	1,682	2,767	3,923	122,353	3,743
Seward Park	8,029	36,057	4,864	11,265	16,535	317,569	40,312
Rivington Street	5,021	18,043	3,160	4,909	7,766	209,509	19,695
Hamilton Fish Park	7,991	20,088	3,548	6,775	10,412	228,248	12,881
Hudson Park	3,588	8,974	2,505	4,326	4,221	134,612	5,582
Ottendorfer	3,754	15,446	2,490	4,168	4,934	169,832	16,365
Tompkins Square	6,713	21,649	3,944	6,205	10,464	253,152	26,298
Jackson Square	3,250	11,568	3,523	5,314	3,906	125,948	2,848
Epiphany	2,691	9,189	2,180	3,010	3,126	113,384	3,441
Muhlenberg	3,002	7,252	2,297	2,597	3,098	106,547	3,399
St. Gabriel's Park	1,953	5,723	1,827	2,577	2,983	108,158	1,117
West 40th Street	2,091	5,414	1,917	2,607	3,316	122,928	3,363
Cathedral	1,434	4,407	1,972	3,140	3,271	78,561	389
Columbus	1,926	8,507	3,692	3,722	5,226	147,786	545
58th Street	24,302	14,852	3,996	6,959	4,102	152,897	5,563
67th Street	5,241	10,699	3,382	3,959	7,420	185,688	4,413
Riverside	5,520	10,922	3,303	3,665	4,346	141,680	3,549
Webster	5,294	12,181	3,841	4,404	6,786	191,953	48,377
Yorkville	5,342	17,044	4,879	6,914	7,894	195,358	25,639
St. Agnes	6,624	14,976	4,439	5,975	5,700	170,730	6,635
96th Street	8,184	23,726	5,645	9,256	10,629	321,604	24,273
Bloomingdale	7,220	20,661	5,207	7,787	7,560	206,498	3,410
Aguilar	5,267	24,262	3,293	8,424	11,436	272,817	32,575
115th Street	7,348	23,317	3,768	6,882	9,564	217,170	9,627
Harlem Library	3,956	14,240	2,923	4,476	5,979	140,960	2,663
125th Street	2,969	8,182	2,642	3,347	6,163	128,226	7,243
George Bruce	6,893	20,324	5,030	6,718	7,339	218,287	3,193
135th Street	4,609	12,991	2,306	3,864	6,152	127,078	662
Hamilton Grange	5,594	19,477	4,773	6,593	7,300	238,739	2,623
Washington Heights	7,874	17,357	4,504	6,017	6,737	204,323	4,797
Fort Washington	7,760	22,716	5,471	8,592	9,505	255,279	7,835
Mott Haven	5,000	14,576	4,144	7,020	10,433	203,717	3,648
Woodstock	8,218	36,153	6,712	11,382	15,965	344,494	27,368
Melrose	4,339	13,106	3,126	4,909	6,144	184,567	3,503
High Bridge	2,130	4,732	1,412	1,534	2,490	75,332	466
Morrisania	8,000	28,027	5,892	7,879	13,004	344,600	6,299
Tremont	9,323	36,717	8,029	11,540	13,351	386,824	29,882
Fordham	10,150	28,764	6,865	10,451	13,913	327,745	5,430
Kingsbridge	1,400	4,171	864	1,227	1,615	51,649	324
St. George	2,691	6,524	2,347	2,641	3,027	86,542	1,727
Stapleton	1,643	4,003	1,542	1,641	2,060	83,946	3,081
Port Richmond	2,613	5,063	2,065	1,915	4,028	117,957	2,932
Tottenville	1,443	2,238	887	1,297	1,198	54,217	845
Total	288,924	780,686	186,707	275,552	339,742	9,018,339	480,424

* Foreign circulation is included in the classes.

TABLE 15
CIRCULATION OF BOOKS FOR HOME USE BY MONTHS
CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT, 1925

BRANCHES	JAN.	FEB.	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY
Central Building	57,906	52,783	58,373	55,452	54,292	48,909	51,780
Children's Room	3,126	2,840	3,331	3,255	2,829	2,665	2,509
Extension Division	42,361	37,805	45,782	36,503	34,612	33,678	23,572
Library for the Blind	3,253	2,818	3,470	3,485	3,346	3,393	3,444
Chatham Square	12,136	10,129	11,603	11,019	10,411	9,771	8,420
Seward Park	30,313	25,935	28,506	27,452	27,378	25,572	23,613
Rivington Street	20,382	17,239	18,535	17,623	16,769	16,468	15,419
Hamilton Fish Park	22,816	19,307	20,875	19,966	19,415	16,193	15,443
Hudson Park	13,895	12,125	14,043	12,024	11,421	9,833	7,841
Ottendorfer	17,590	16,021	15,962	14,394	13,691	13,319	12,613
Tompkins Square	24,260	20,698	22,537	22,002	21,171	20,194	18,691
Jackson Square	12,021	11,882	12,236	11,214	10,565	10,395	9,736
Epiphany	10,797	10,347	11,217	10,238	9,429	8,828	7,832
Muhlenberg	9,843	9,274	10,461	9,576	9,296	8,539	7,589
St. Gabriel's Park	10,274	9,851	10,606	9,868	9,335	8,943	7,342
West 40th Street	11,893	11,109	13,108	10,957	9,907	8,739	6,774
Cathedral	7,293	6,822	8,439	7,327	6,961	5,956	4,913
Columbus	15,106	13,671	14,237	12,356	11,543	11,103	8,261
58th Street	13,538	13,157	15,534	13,873	12,830	11,560	10,616
67th Street	18,590	16,713	18,464	16,578	14,667	13,076	11,296
Riverside	13,622	13,174	14,993	13,667	12,512	10,874	8,602
Webster	18,500	17,701	19,909	17,281	15,440	14,282	11,436
Yorkville	18,153	17,360	18,252	16,901	15,836	14,953	13,799
St. Agnes	16,074	15,669	16,778	15,609	14,120	12,671	11,656
96th Street	30,656	27,464	30,111	28,148	26,514	24,546	22,528
Bloomingdale	19,019	18,131	20,906	18,770	17,306	16,465	14,527
Agular	25,670	23,631	25,402	22,816	22,795	22,511	20,376
115th Street	20,391	18,966	20,978	19,210	18,424	17,900	14,900
Harlem Library	13,877	13,236	14,072	13,168	12,058	10,895	10,246
125th Street	12,827	11,136	12,281	10,407	10,046	9,714	8,245
George Bruce	20,500	19,033	21,494	19,871	18,186	17,497	15,072
135th Street	12,138	12,360	13,792	11,560	10,570	9,130	8,382
Hamilton Grange	22,092	21,950	24,253	21,094	19,949	18,200	16,149
Washington Heights	18,676	17,318	19,588	17,396	17,291	16,781	14,972
Fort Washington	23,446	22,230	24,086	22,358	21,103	18,816	17,511
Mott Haven	17,456	16,866	19,346	17,396	17,063	15,736	14,185
Woodstock	32,963	29,116	31,599	29,337	28,247	26,913	26,057
Melrose	15,685	14,834	16,835	16,021	15,468	14,900	13,830
High Bridge	5,970	5,915	6,744	6,087	5,824	6,028	5,919
Morrisania	29,486	27,708	30,464	28,814	27,791	27,267	26,858
Tremont	33,371	30,841	34,714	33,301	31,317	29,383	28,766
Fordham	28,079	26,360	30,582	28,439	26,764	24,927	22,574
Kingsbridge	4,461	4,271	4,778	4,276	3,983	3,936	3,523
St. George	7,051	7,387	8,598	7,451	6,954	6,278	6,563
Stapleton	7,361	6,903	7,697	6,759	6,689	6,523	7,213
Port Richmond	9,975	10,353	11,816	9,847	9,187	9,541	8,873
Tottenville	4,853	5,001	5,445	4,311	4,122	3,944	3,941
Total	839,745	775,440	862,832	785,457	745,427	697,745	634,407

TABLE 15 — *Concluded*

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS FOR HOME USE BY MONTHS

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT, 1925

BRANCHES	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL
Central Building	48,493	48,438	57,678	56,517	57,105	647,726
Children's Room	2,326	2,168	2,851	2,975	2,869	33,744
Extension Division	22,309	36,592	26,520	38,180	50,829	428,743
Library for the Blind	3,032	3,136	3,119	3,033	3,133	38,662
Chatham Square	6,811	7,482	11,260	11,817	11,494	122,353
Seward Park	21,739	20,267	27,620	28,431	30,743	317,569
Rivington Street	13,917	14,115	19,198	18,912	20,932	209,509
Hamilton Fish Park	14,134	15,015	21,543	21,170	22,371	228,248
Hudson Park	7,401	7,806	11,624	13,224	13,375	134,612
Ottendorfer	10,551	11,577	14,325	14,520	15,269	169,832
Tompkins Square	17,032	17,285	23,059	22,272	23,951	253,152
Jackson Square	8,971	8,595	9,857	10,075	10,401	125,948
Epiphany	7,392	7,534	9,550	10,235	9,985	113,384
Muhlenberg	7,159	7,683	9,196	8,869	9,062	106,547
St. Gabriel's Park	5,720	7,206	9,331	9,769	9,913	108,158
West 40th Street	6,079	7,622	12,323	12,464	11,953	122,928
Cathedral	4,552	5,000	7,064	7,284	6,950	78,561
Columbus	7,772	8,844	14,380	15,187	15,326	147,786
58th Street	10,091	10,492	13,286	13,964	13,956	152,897
67th Street	10,276	11,349	16,313	18,816	19,550	185,688
Riverside	8,027	9,042	11,543	12,318	13,306	141,680
Webster	10,757	12,732	17,275	18,162	18,478	191,953
Yorkville	12,339	14,143	18,046	17,826	17,750	195,358
St. Agnes	10,869	12,132	15,292	15,088	14,772	170,730
96th Street	21,466	22,256	28,575	29,035	30,305	321,604
Bloomington	13,890	14,381	18,366	17,564	17,173	206,498
Aguilar	17,328	18,447	24,524	24,067	25,250	272,817
115th Street	13,142	14,539	19,327	19,035	20,358	217,170
Harlem Library	8,792	9,693	11,940	11,499	11,484	140,960
125th Street	7,711	8,123	12,900	12,737	12,099	128,226
George Bruce	13,697	14,972	19,032	19,736	19,197	218,287
135th Street	7,276	7,937	11,470	11,529	10,934	127,078
Hamilton Grange	14,295	15,815	22,065	21,343	21,534	238,739
Washington Heights	12,515	15,026	18,493	18,515	17,752	204,323
Fort Washington	16,859	18,962	23,455	23,226	23,227	255,279
Mott Haven	13,029	15,083	20,360	19,311	17,886	203,717
Woodstock	24,292	25,208	30,275	29,080	31,407	344,494
Melrose	12,581	12,576	16,519	17,859	17,459	184,567
High Bridge	5,563	6,066	7,385	6,963	6,868	75,332
Morrisania	24,824	25,307	31,390	31,498	33,193	344,600
Tremont	27,057	28,142	36,062	36,142	37,728	386,824
Fordham	22,230	24,450	31,233	31,116	30,991	327,745
Kingsbridge	3,312	3,565	5,103	5,458	4,983	51,649
St. George	6,262	6,451	7,958	8,259	7,330	86,542
Stapleton	6,604	6,166	7,046	7,606	7,379	83,946
Port Richmond	9,173	8,148	10,170	10,989	9,885	117,957
Tottenville	3,472	4,106	5,426	5,192	4,404	54,217
Total	583,119	631,674	801,327	818,867	842,299	9,018,339

TABLE 16

VOLUMES IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES IN THE CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

31 DECEMBER, 1925

BRANCHES	GERMAN	FRENCH	ITALIAN	SPANISH	RUSSIAN	HUNGARIAN	BOHEMIAN
Central Building	1,332	7,412	1,010	1,204	19	1	---
Children's Room	275	276	146	29	104	5	23
Extension Division	382	396	468	34	9	3	---
Library for the Blind	119	374	9	1	1	---	---
Chatham Square	59	52	646	1	24	---	---
Seward Park	53	289	15	77	2,246	---	---
Rivington Street	264	138	518	11	1,526	---	---
Hamilton Fish Park	307	93	153	33	485	228	---
Hudson Park	7	349	1,349	14	1	---	---
Ottendorfer	4,143	11	58	---	1	---	---
Tompkins Square	301	200	571	18	104	1,099	---
Jackson Square	72	1,150	89	728	---	---	---
Epiphany	115	93	314	67	4	2	---
Muhlenberg	178	524	222	213	1	---	---
St. Gabriel's Park	170	208	206	4	---	---	---
West 40th Street	147	104	92	3	---	---	---
Cathedral	4	132	43	6	---	---	---
Columbus	220	5	76	---	---	---	---
58th Street	355	1,057	36	48	24	---	---
67th Street	465	271	358	40	1	41	31
Riverside	181	749	214	251	---	---	---
Webster	72	124	10	4	1	1	9,974
Yorkville	1,573	397	26	20	---	1,890	---
St. Agnes	298	944	57	161	5	---	---
96th Street	974	491	24	58	1,208	55	---
Bloomingdale	209	538	64	39	---	---	---
Aguilar	372	290	1,485	21	1,536	97	---
115th Street	815	476	33	343	181	1	---
Harlem Library	196	276	46	154	---	2	---
125th Street	568	135	539	9	---	179	---
George Bruce	257	842	207	19	---	1	---
135th Street	7	251	10	173	---	1	---
Hamilton Grange	6	166	11	47	2	---	---
Washington Heights	656	419	31	479	---	---	---
Fort Washington	602	376	15	29	1	1	---
Mott Haven	432	213	137	16	4	---	8
Woodstock	686	203	11	53	650	924	---
Melrose	515	68	8	11	1	---	---
High Bridge	157	37	41	4	---	---	---
Morrisania	683	128	6	9	2	---	---
Tremont	935	427	149	65	1,780	14	---
Fordham	375	290	416	11	---	---	---
Kingsbridge	102	86	9	7	---	---	---
St. George	289	429	60	56	---	---	---
Stapleton	860	11	206	7	---	---	---
Port Richmond	240	82	44	4	---	---	---
Tottenville	200	2	4	2	---	---	---
Central Reserve	5,112	1,968	701	433	347	823	57
Total	26,340	23,552	10,943	5,016	10,268	5,368	10,093

TABLE 16 — *Concluded*

VOLUMES IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES IN THE CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

31 DECEMBER, 1925

BRANCHES	YIDDISH	HEBREW	POLISH	SWEDISH	NORWEGIAN	MINOR GROUPS	TOTAL
Central Building	5	---	---	---	---	---	10,983
Children's Room	---	---	---	74	42	29	1,003
Extension Division	294	---	2	4	---	14	1,606
Library for the Blind	---	4	---	---	---	42	550
Chatham Square	318	---	---	10	---	375	1,485
Seward Park	2,443	1,169	22	10	---	1	6,325
Rivington Street	1,843	12	13	17	---	5	4,347
Hamilton Fish Park	1,138	7	44	7	---	1	2,496
Hudson Park	---	---	---	4	---	---	1,724
Ottendorfer	---	1	---	8	---	5	4,227
Tompkins Square	268	2	1,765	9	---	3	4,340
Jackson Square	1	---	---	3	---	1	2,044
Epiphany	3	---	2	4	---	---	604
Muhlenberg	1	---	---	3	---	19	1,161
St. Gabriel's Park	1	---	---	3	---	---	592
West 40th Street	2	---	216	2	---	1	567
Cathedral	---	---	---	4	---	---	189
Columbus	1	---	281	2	---	---	585
58th Street	---	---	---	18	---	3	1,541
67th Street	1	---	---	3	---	2	1,213
Riverside	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,395
Webster	4	---	---	4	---	381	10,575
Yorkville	---	---	4	8	---	1	3,919
St. Agnes	---	---	---	10	---	---	1,475
96th Street	553	---	13	---	---	---	3,376
Bloomingdale	1	---	---	7	---	19	877
Aguilar	1,116	278	222	11	---	---	5,428
115th Street	22	3	2	5	---	7	1,888
Harlem Library	---	---	---	10	---	1	685
125th Street	227	---	---	153	---	2	1,812
George Bruce	---	---	---	18	---	---	1,344
135th Street	1	---	---	7	---	---	450
Hamilton Grange	---	---	---	5	---	6	243
Washington Heights	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,585
Fort Washington	1	---	---	10	---	---	1,035
Mott Haven	9	---	1	2	---	---	822
Woodstock	1,005	4	38	4	---	1	3,579
Melrose	1	---	550	---	---	16	1,170
High Bridge	1	---	---	3	---	5	248
Morrisania	3	2	---	1	---	3	837
Tremont	1,449	216	---	---	---	---	5,035
Fordham	---	---	---	6	---	---	1,098
Kingsbridge	---	---	---	3	---	1	208
St. George	1	---	24	12	---	---	871
Stapleton	3	---	111	4	---	6	1,208
Port Richmond	---	---	1	9	304	246	930
Tottenville	---	---	---	6	128	117	459
Central Reserve	708	62	800	490	126	1,625	13,252
Total	11,424	1,760	4,111	973	600	2,938	113,386

TABLE 17
CIRCULATION OF BOOKS IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES
CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT, 1925

BRANCHES	GERMAN	FRENCH	ITALIAN	SPANISH	RUSSIAN	HUNGARIAN	BOHEMIAN
Central Building	11,161	33,289	5,190	7,411	132	115	---
Children's Room	15	132	34	3	---	---	---
Extension Division	1,261	437	567	49	73	3	107
Library for the Blind	38	398	---	31	---	---	13
Chatham Square	---	119	1,555	---	---	---	---
Seward Park	461	1,009	41	151	9,922	---	---
Rivington Street	929	476	1,222	18	5,953	18	---
Hamilton Fish Park	1,809	262	26	51	619	625	---
Hudson Park	5	635	4,871	23	8	---	---
Ottendorfer	15,324	103	205	7	243	34	---
Tompkins Square	1,066	295	1,042	51	1,348	7,576	3
Jackson Square	209	1,542	119	978	---	---	---
Epiphany	1,342	628	774	145	132	277	25
Muhlenberg	819	1,552	604	392	1	---	---
St. Gabriel's Park	384	275	458	---	---	---	---
West 40th Street	176	366	922	22	---	---	---
Cathedral	---	290	16	83	---	---	---
Columbus	396	13	71	2	---	---	---
58th Street	1,955	3,526	33	40	8	---	---
67th Street	1,457	393	530	107	8	1,700	174
Riverside	638	1,909	474	437	1	---	---
Webster	35	31	---	---	21	2	47,344
Yorkville	8,747	1,086	91	71	---	15,611	---
St. Agnes	1,799	4,066	140	605	17	---	---
96th Street	5,538	1,625	131	92	9,637	675	---
Bloomingdale	848	2,184	94	251	20	5	---
Aguilar	1,290	806	6,870	157	12,440	334	---
115th Street	3,124	2,325	78	1,938	1,059	105	---
Harlem Library	1,224	1,063	49	298	3	---	---
125th Street	2,417	255	1,872	18	6	656	---
George Bruce	1,175	1,647	175	108	29	19	---
135th Street	---	429	11	211	---	---	---
Hamilton Grange	348	1,465	8	538	60	135	---
Washington Heights	2,148	1,240	95	972	54	173	---
Fort Washington	5,206	2,499	8	81	13	17	---
Mott Haven	2,462	238	175	63	126	53	---
Woodstock	4,868	1,073	6	145	6,023	7,277	---
Melrose	2,327	241	80	70	34	15	3
High Bridge	320	109	12	5	11	---	---
Morrisania	5,177	704	7	51	5	---	---
Tremont	3,553	1,072	615	217	11,104	41	---
Fordham	2,467	1,331	1,522	55	6	---	2
Kingsbridge	186	121	12	2	---	3	---
St. George	778	715	53	69	4	---	---
Stapleton	2,780	12	114	4	2	---	---
Port Richmond	812	54	174	65	15	---	---
Tottenville	311	29	6	1	---	97	28
Total	99,385	74,069	31,152	16,088	59,137	35,566	47,699

TABLE 17 — *Concluded*
CIRCULATION OF BOOKS IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES
CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT, 1925

BRANCHES	YIDDISH	HEBREW	POLISH	SWEDISH	NORWEGIAN	MINOR GROUPS	TOTAL
Central Building	104	4	58	235	23	403	58,125
Children's Room	---	---	---	1	---	---	185
Extension Division	400	14	131	---	---	20	3,062
Library for the Blind	---	---	---	---	---	12	492
Chatham Square	1,031	---	---	---	---	1,038	3,743
Seward Park	19,951	8,687	90	---	---	---	40,312
Rivington Street	10,836	2	141	17	---	83	19,695
Hamilton Fish Park	8,864	29	588	8	---	---	12,881
Hudson Park	---	---	---	---	---	40	5,582
Ottendorfer	407	18	---	---	---	24	16,365
Tompkins Square	3,320	3	11,570	---	---	24	26,298
Jackson Square	---	---	---	---	---	---	2,848
Epiphany	87	---	31	---	---	---	3,441
Muhlenberg	---	---	---	1	---	30	3,399
St. Gabriel's Park	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,117
West 40th Street	6	---	1,838	---	---	33	3,363
Cathedral	---	---	---	---	---	---	389
Columbus	---	---	63	---	---	---	545
58th Street	---	---	---	1	---	---	5,563
67th Street	2	1	5	14	---	22	4,413
Riverside	---	---	---	56	---	34	3,549
Webster	---	---	9	---	---	935	48,377
Yorkville	---	---	12	8	---	13	25,639
St. Agnes	8	---	---	---	---	---	6,635
96th Street	6,314	---	261	---	---	---	24,273
Bloomingdale	---	---	8	---	---	---	3,410
Aguilar	9,119	1,209	350	---	---	---	32,575
115th Street	873	77	27	---	---	21	9,627
Harlem Library	---	1	25	---	---	---	2,663
125th Street	406	---	10	190	---	1,413	7,243
George Bruce	32	---	5	3	---	---	3,193
135th Street	---	---	---	4	---	7	662
Hamilton Grange	12	---	42	11	---	4	2,623
Washington Heights	108	4	3	---	---	---	4,797
Fort Washington	9	1	---	---	---	1	7,835
Mott Haven	465	---	64	---	---	2	3,648
Woodstock	7,791	16	112	---	---	57	27,368
Melrose	53	---	680	---	---	---	3,503
High Bridge	---	---	---	7	---	2	466
Morrisania	350	---	4	---	---	1	6,299
Tremont	12,126	1,099	55	---	---	---	29,882
Fordham	14	6	---	---	7	20	5,430
Kingsbridge	---	---	---	---	---	---	324
St. George	2	---	99	7	---	---	1,727
Stapleton	---	---	167	---	---	2	3,081
Port Richmond	5	---	420	32	1,037	318	2,932
Tottenville	---	---	140	---	147	86	845
Total	82,695	11,171	17,008	595	1,214	4,645	480,424

TABLE 18
ADDITIONS TO THE BRANCH LIBRARIES
CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT, 1925

BRANCHES	FICTION	GENERAL WORKS	PHILOSOPHY	RELIGION	SOCIOLOGY	PHILOLOGY	SCIENCE	USEFUL ARTS
Central Building	2,397	44	491	282	862	117	419	794
Children's Room	890	56	4	16	204	41	42	41
Extension Division	4,325	93	55	94	675	139	106	118
Library for the Blind	949	22	25	78	79	92	99	12
Chatham Square	734	38	4	26	235	142	34	36
Seward Park	2,261	30	40	118	927	366	65	63
Rivington Street	1,424	27	26	39	522	172	55	44
Hamilton Fish Park	2,311	33	42	98	579	161	103	115
Hudson Park	1,236	19	13	18	303	238	35	40
Ottendorfer	1,053	11	20	20	142	55	25	30
Tompkins Square	2,020	22	30	43	447	294	47	54
Jackson Square	604	10	6	15	106	31	26	20
Epiphany	726	24	16	21	204	85	41	33
Muhlenberg	802	24	8	21	126	26	17	57
St. Gabriel's Park	735	15	5	12	133	46	17	27
West 40th Street	635	40	12	12	201	89	37	44
Cathedral	662	11	12	54	87	42	9	11
Columbus	1,209	15	5	39	404	433	8	29
58th Street	961	19	28	30	145	13	43	61
67th Street	1,703	26	14	14	274	66	40	59
Riverside	877	11	14	18	260	104	14	27
Webster	1,213	20	17	20	199	124	37	46
Yorkville	1,405	24	22	37	322	140	47	52
St. Agnes	1,210	24	35	78	139	67	47	90
96th Street	2,749	17	35	78	610	220	76	59
Bloomingdale	1,171	20	19	36	183	35	38	48
Aguilar	2,235	32	15	29	492	101	31	45
115th Street	1,482	30	32	39	340	120	58	68
Harlem Library	679	28	5	25	196	26	21	42
125th Street	1,057	20	13	14	258	152	35	45
George Bruce	1,576	20	15	27	283	157	42	50
135th Street	633	13	43	32	269	71	36	29
Hamilton Grange	1,695	16	17	32	292	154	40	73
Washington Heights	1,435	52	28	32	184	70	70	100
Fort Washington	1,570	30	35	40	228	73	64	104
Mott Haven	1,711	19	36	27	280	114	70	107
Woodstock	2,307	35	59	68	742	231	117	139
Melrose	1,318	15	9	80	307	293	24	42
High Bridge	435	10	7	7	86	21	8	30
Morrisania	2,254	37	25	72	420	282	77	70
Tremont	2,489	47	66	141	706	335	109	104
Fordham	1,562	19	52	26	254	41	68	135
Kingsbridge	325	16	4	3	64	6	9	24
St. George	394	18	29	21	127	8	28	64
Stapleton	699	11	9	6	103	113	10	15
Port Richmond	799	37	7	11	214	151	15	35
Tottenville	394	42	13	7	70	25	22	29
Central Reserve	84	60	13	38	30	1	2	22
Total	63,395	1,302	1,530	2,094	14,313	5,883	2,483	3,382

TABLE 18—*Concluded*
 ADDITIONS TO THE BRANCH LIBRARIES
 CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT, 1925

BRANCHES	FINE ARTS	LITERATURE	TRAVEL	BIOGRAPHY	HISTORY	TOTAL	FOREIGN *
Central Building -----	790	1,875	485	581	334	9,471	1,559
Children's Room -----	90	51	55	31	48	1,569	87
Extension Division -----	176	624	272	315	192	7,184	85
Library for the Blind -----	207	131	71	76	62	1,903	100
Chatham Square -----	55	142	56	50	42	1,594	117
Seward Park -----	130	515	102	166	261	5,044	639
Rivington Street -----	91	226	63	72	82	2,843	121
Hamilton Fish Park -----	315	351	143	172	253	4,676	230
Hudson Park -----	93	210	84	79	72	2,440	153
Ottendorfer -----	39	141	41	40	25	1,642	357
Tompkins Square -----	97	275	70	81	171	3,651	327
Jackson Square -----	38	222	58	76	28	1,240	70
Epiphany -----	47	137	43	51	27	1,455	93
Muhlenberg -----	34	81	48	36	30	1,310	16
St. Gabriel's Park -----	34	86	30	30	26	1,196	2
West 40th Street -----	40	95	53	25	39	1,322	60
Cathedral -----	21	79	19	37	26	1,070	2
Columbus -----	26	114	44	29	48	2,403	10
58th Street -----	2,145	419	88	266	52	4,270	94
67th Street -----	61	146	55	42	94	2,594	39
Riverside -----	87	122	37	45	46	1,662	47
Webster -----	69	152	56	82	69	2,104	243
Yorkville -----	70	259	66	63	69	2,576	556
St. Agnes -----	134	176	80	81	60	2,221	104
96th Street -----	155	366	115	97	104	4,681	429
Bloomingdale -----	66	189	61	70	45	1,981	20
Aguilar -----	80	332	48	129	58	3,627	384
115th Street -----	216	302	69	107	107	2,970	344
Harlem Library -----	72	306	41	36	35	1,512	8
125th Street -----	32	108	57	39	64	1,894	84
George Bruce -----	76	228	87	72	76	2,709	29
135th Street -----	73	169	48	60	63	1,539	13
Hamilton Grange -----	86	231	75	73	78	2,862	32
Washington Heights -----	154	262	83	114	114	2,698	94
Fort Washington -----	111	270	132	123	91	2,871	91
Mott Haven -----	91	236	119	122	170	3,102	8
Woodstock -----	190	592	120	167	203	4,970	472
Melrose -----	56	125	34	42	43	2,388	43
High Bridge -----	30	68	19	12	25	758	5
Morrisania -----	117	341	141	146	198	4,180	193
Tremont -----	132	531	154	210	187	5,211	667
Fordham -----	133	449	106	133	105	3,083	217
Kingsbridge -----	17	70	14	19	26	597	---
St. George -----	75	257	64	58	46	1,189	31
Stapleton -----	32	65	29	21	23	1,136	106
Port Richmond -----	45	81	35	19	43	1,492	3
Tottenville -----	34	48	32	18	17	751	1
Central Reserve -----	18	43	7	24	11	353	121
Total -----	6,980	12,298	3,809	4,437	4,088	125,994	8,506

* Foreign books are included in the classes.

TABLE 19

CIRCULATION, STOCK, ADDITIONS

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT, 1925

BRANCHES	CIRCULATION		BOOK STOCK		ADDITIONS	
	ADULT	JUVENILE	ADULT	JUVENILE	ADULT	JUVENILE
Central Building	647,726	33,744	74,438	13,288	9,471	1,569
Extension Division	219,135	209,608	43,863	26,967	4,556	2,628
Library for the Blind	38,662	---	20,177	---	1,903	---
Chatham Square	41,189	81,164	8,878	5,087	442	1,152
Seward Park	179,473	138,096	22,484	8,628	2,275	2,769
Rivington Street	90,321	119,188	12,641	5,916	1,185	1,658
Hamilton Fish Park	115,837	112,411	15,279	6,485	1,512	3,164
Hudson Park	65,688	68,924	10,303	5,875	957	1,483
Ottendorfer	112,621	57,211	15,617	5,952	1,077	565
Tompkins Square	128,165	124,987	16,528	7,346	1,464	2,187
Jackson Square	97,878	28,070	15,007	2,831	547	693
Epiphany	73,173	40,211	9,469	4,106	771	684
Muhlenberg	76,254	30,293	11,740	3,965	895	415
St. Gabriel's Park	64,839	43,319	8,464	3,485	510	686
West 40th Street	51,072	71,856	9,609	5,136	610	712
Cathedral	46,276	32,285	8,220	3,380	546	524
Columbus	64,816	82,970	10,238	6,438	525	1,878
58th Street	122,908	29,989	28,083	4,940	3,811	459
67th Street	80,200	105,488	13,641	6,614	1,215	1,379
Riverside	93,533	48,147	12,842	4,299	986	676
Webster	108,861	83,092	22,826	5,605	1,056	1,048
Yorkville	124,922	70,436	16,754	5,350	1,561	1,015
St. Agnes	136,087	34,643	15,896	4,830	1,718	503
96th Street	156,855	164,749	16,495	7,864	1,925	2,756
Bloomingtondale	156,420	50,078	17,122	3,126	1,383	598
Aguilar	145,282	127,535	17,325	6,717	1,862	1,765
115th Street	141,561	75,609	17,821	5,552	1,807	1,163
Harlem Library	81,661	59,299	10,945	4,953	480	1,032
125th Street	56,942	71,284	9,437	4,406	671	1,223
George Bruce	151,178	67,109	15,946	6,221	1,740	969
135th Street	72,753	54,325	10,821	4,671	914	625
Hamilton Grange	161,443	77,296	13,120	5,763	1,544	1,318
Washington Heights	145,296	59,027	21,476	6,196	1,768	930
Fort Washington	188,765	66,514	18,234	4,613	2,031	840
Mott Haven	114,086	89,631	11,738	6,341	1,674	1,428
Woodstock	217,010	127,484	20,061	8,441	2,822	2,148
Melrose	107,729	76,838	12,116	5,270	1,191	1,197
High Bridge	49,892	25,440	6,511	3,228	499	259
Morrisania	198,564	146,036	14,447	8,077	2,179	2,001
Tremont	225,324	161,500	23,814	8,464	2,761	2,450
Fordham	219,359	108,386	19,086	10,532	1,962	1,121
Kingsbridge	34,161	17,488	7,331	3,449	369	228
St. George	65,449	21,093	13,704	4,077	907	282
Stapleton	47,626	36,320	8,155	2,801	614	522
Port Richmond	58,230	59,727	8,178	3,957	662	830
Tottenville	29,341	24,876	7,630	3,714	359	392
Central Reserve	---	---	88,325	---	353	---
Total	5,604,563	3,413,776	832,835	274,956	72,070	53,924

TABLE 20

EXTENSION DIVISION

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT, 1925

CIRCULATION :

Adult	219,135
Juvenile	209,608
Total	428,743
Decrease from year 1924	37,196
Sub-Branch Circulation (included in above total)	235,001
Books read at Agencies	31,868
Books read at Schools	63,734
(Not circulated for home use.)	
Total	95,602

NUMBER OF VOLUMES SENT TO AGENCIES :

Adult	27,142
Juvenile	17,756
Total	44,898

NUMBER OF AGENCIES SERVED

SUB-BRANCHES	6
DEPOSIT STATIONS :	
Community Libraries	24
Institutions	85
OTHER AGENCIES :	
Fire Stations	101
Police Stations	18
Home Libraries	8
Public Schools	47
(Classes 63)	
Private Schools	18
(Classes 18)	
Industrial Schools	9
(Classes 9)	
Parochial Schools	26
(Classes 35)	
Summer Camps	48
Book Wagon Routes	4
TOTAL	394

TABLE 21
APPLICATIONS FOR BORROWERS' CARDS
CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT, 1925

Central Building -----	15,396	Bloomingdale -----	3,293
Children's Room -----	632	Aguilar -----	4,334
Extension Division -----	4,297	115th Street -----	2,785
Library for the Blind -----	138	Harlem -----	2,015
Chatham Square -----	1,400	125th Street -----	3,114
Seward Park -----	4,636	George Bruce -----	2,834
Rivington Street -----	3,143	135th Street -----	3,179
Hamilton Fish Park -----	3,294	Hamilton Grange -----	3,303
Hudson Park -----	1,689	Washington Heights -----	2,697
Ottendorfer -----	1,779	Fort Washington -----	4,180
Tompkins Square -----	3,606	Mott Haven -----	3,195
Jackson Square -----	1,539	Woodstock -----	5,973
Epiphany -----	1,669	Melrose -----	2,420
Muhlenberg -----	1,781	High Bridge -----	1,481
St. Gabriel's Park -----	1,249	Morrisania -----	7,675
West 40th Street -----	1,648	Tremont -----	5,603
Cathedral -----	872	Fordham -----	5,988
Columbus -----	1,741	Kingsbridge -----	813
58th Street -----	2,228	St. George -----	1,279
67th Street -----	2,219	Stapleton -----	853
Riverside -----	2,202	Port Richmond -----	1,572
Webster -----	2,071	Tottenville -----	486
Yorkville -----	2,598		
St. Agnes -----	2,696		
96th Street -----	3,552	Total -----	137,147

TABLE 22

REQUESTS FOR BOOKS THROUGH THE INTERBRANCH LOAN OFFICE
CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT, 1925

REQUESTS BY BRANCHES

Aguilar	2,236	Muhlenberg	1,073
Bloomingtondale	2,431	Municipal Reference	432
Bruce	2,226	96th Street	2,874
Chatham Square	1,389	Offices	703
Cathedral	1,731	Other Libraries	2,677
Central Circulation	5,063	Ottendorfer	833
Columbus	985	Port Richmond	853
Columbus Sub-Branch	2,227	Riverside	1,649
Epiphany	1,686	Rivington	1,437
Extension Division	2,538	St. Agnes	2,557
58th Street	2,731	St. Gabriel's Park	1,493
Fordham	2,478	St. George	1,398
Fort Washington	2,717	Seward Park	2,777
Hamilton Fish	1,825	67th Street	900
Hamilton Grange	1,649	Stapleton	702
Harlem	1,597	Staten Island Extension	1,121
High Bridge	676	Tompkins Square	1,360
Hudson Park	1,639	Tottenville	902
115th Street	2,817	Tremont	2,233
125th Street	794	Washington Heights	2,134
135th Street	1,966	Webster	991
Jackson Square	923	West 40th Street	1,211
Kingsbridge	809	Woodstock	3,539
Melrose	1,494	Yorkville	1,631
Morrisania	1,954		
Mott Haven	2,626	Total	88,687

TABLE 23

PERCENTAGE OF DISTRIBUTION OF BOOKS FOR HOME USE
CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT, 1925

(This represents the percentage of the whole Department)

	PER CENT.		PER CENT.
Fiction { Adult	.372	Science	.018
{ Juvenile	.204	Useful Arts	.024
General Works	.037	Fine Arts	.032
Philosophy	.012	Literature	.087
Religion	.011	Travel	.021
Sociology	.082	Biography	.031
Philology	.031	History	.038

The total foreign circulation was .053 of the whole Circulation

TABLE 24
MUNICIPAL REFERENCE LIBRARY STATISTICS

Attendance -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41,213
Books circulated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,324
Borrowers -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,268
Telephone calls	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,777
New Borrowers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	330
Inquiries -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,300

Books by purchase -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	139
Books for review -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	299
New York City Documents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,639
Books as gifts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,010
Pamphlets as gifts -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,610
Magazines bound -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	71

PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION

Attendance -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,885
Books circulated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,074
Periodicals circulated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,168

Telephone calls	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,248
New Borrowers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Magazines bound	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22

TOTAL FOR MUNICIPAL REFERENCE LIBRARY AND ITS BRANCH,
THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION

		1925	1924	1918
Attendance -	-	46,098	42,188	22,350
Books and periodicals circulated	-	13,566	13,200	7,532
Inquiries -	-	19,300	14,105	---
New Borrowers	-	350	256	---
Periodicals received -	-	560	560	---
Books by purchase -	-	139	97	---
Books for review -	-	299	344	---
New York City Documents	-	2,639	6,774	---
Books as gifts -	-	1,010	1,152	---
Pamphlets as gifts -	-	3,610	4,315	---
Magazines bound -	-	93	106	---

TABLE 25

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

ACCORDING TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Many of the libraries of the United States, The New York Public Library among them, have agreed to the recommendations of a committee of the American Library Association to print in their annual reports a table of statistics, summarized, for purposes of comparison and reference. The table, with the figures for this Library, is given herewith. It should be understood clearly that this table applies only to the *Circulation Department*, and not to the Reference Department of the Library.

Annual report for year ended December 31, 1925.

Name of library: The New York Public Library (Circulation Department).

City or town: New York. State: New York.

Name of librarian: Edwin H. Anderson, Director; Franklin F. Hopper, Chief of Circulation Department.

Population served: 2,955,474* (estimated).

Assessed valuation of city or town: \$7,969,234,506.00.*

Terms of use: Free for lending; Free for reference.

Total number of agencies ----- 440

Consisting of:

Central Library, which houses Extension Division and Library for the Blind -----	3
Branches † (All occupy separate buildings) -----	43
Sub-branches -----	6
Stations -----	109
Other agencies -----	279

Consisting of: 101 Fire stations; 18 Police stations; 8 Home libraries; 47 Public schools (Classes 63); 18 Private schools (Classes 18); 9 Industrial schools (Classes 9); 26 Parochial schools (Classes 35); 48 Summer camps; 4 Book wagon routes.

Number of days open during year ‡ (Central Circulation Branch) ----- 365

Hours open each week for lending (Central Circulation Branch) ----- 82

Hours open each week for reading (Central Circulation Branch) ----- 82

Hours service per week required of staff ----- 40

BOOK STOCK:

	ADULT	JUVENILE	TOTAL
Number of volumes at beginning of year -----	843,486	288,798	1,132,284
Number of volumes added by purchase -----	61,569	53,427	114,996
Number of volumes added by gift or exchange -----	10,501	497	10,998

Total ----- 915,556 342,722 1,258,278

Number of volumes lost or withdrawn ----- 82,721 67,766 150,487

Total number at end of year ----- 832,835 274,956 1,107,791

Number of volumes in Reference Rooms ----- 94,693

Number of pictures, photographs and prints added during year ----- 10,727

Total number of pictures, photographs and prints at end of year ----- 150,120

Number of newspapers, periodicals, proceedings and transactions of learned societies currently received -----	TITLES 622	COPIES 4,961
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* For three boroughs, Manhattan, The Bronx and Richmond.

† There is no central building devoted *solely* to the Circulation Department of the Library. The Central Building at Fifth Avenue and Forty-second Street, which contains the Reference Department, also contains the administrative offices of the Circulation Department, the office of the Extension Division, the Library for the Blind, a Central Children's Room and a *Central Circulation Branch*.

‡ Most of the Branches are open 313 days each year and 72 hours each week.

TABLE 25 — *Concluded*SUMMARY OF STATISTICS — *Concluded*

USE:

	ADULT	JUVENILE	TOTAL
Number of volumes of fiction lent for home use ---	3,351,996	1,842,041	5,194,037
Total number of volumes lent for home use -----	5,604,563	3,413,776	9,018,339
Per cent. fiction lent of total volumes lent -----	59.81	53.96	57.59
Circulation per capita -----			3.05
Number of pictures, photographs and prints lent for home use -----			87,309
Number of persons using library for reading and study -----			788,073

REGISTRATION:

	ADULT	JUVENILE	TOTAL
Number of borrowers registered during year -----	83,762	53,385	137,147
Registration period, years -----			3

*SALARIES AND STAFF:

	DECEMBER 31, 1925			JANUARY 1, 1926	
	NUMBER	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Chief, Circulation Department	1	\$5,500	\$ -----	\$5,760	\$ -----
Department heads -----	11	1,968	3,074	2,100	3,360
Branch librarians,					
Major branches -----	42	1,968	2,256	2,100	2,700
First assistant branch librarians	59	1,561	1,830	1,800	2,040
Children's librarians -----	26	1,561	1,830	1,800	2,040
Cataloguers -----	9	1,317	1,767	1,500	2,160
Library assistants -----	191	1,229	1,488	1,500	1,740
Junior library assistants -----	138	992	1,200	1,200	1,440

Staff:

Number of staff, library service -----	676
Number of staff, janitor service -----	44

FINANCE

RECEIPTS FROM

Local taxation -----	\$1,036,757.70
State grants -----	4,410.00
Invested funds -----	74,685.19
Fines and sale of publications ---	109,333.26

PAYMENTS FOR

Maintenance

1. Library Operating Expenses:	
Librarians' salaries -----	\$ 840,690.07
Books -----	122,411.26
Periodicals -----	11,224.01
Binding -----	81,700.00
Supplies, stationery, print-	
ing, etc. -----	24,532.05
Furniture, equipment, etc. ---	1,301.95
Telephone, postage, freight,	
express -----	14,496.89
Other items -----	2,288.74
Total -----	\$1,098,644.97
2. Building Maintenance Expenses:	
Janitors, mechanics, wages,	
etc. -----	\$ 78,383.51
Cleaning supplies and equip-	
ment -----	4,193.98
Building repairs and minor	
alterations -----	10,200.31
Rent -----	2,929.00
Heat and light -----	22,811.32
Other items -----	447.95
Total -----	\$118,966.07

Total maintenance expenses \$1,217,611.04

Grand total \$1,225,186.15

Grand total \$1,217,611.04

Maintenance expenditure per volume of circulation -----	\$.135
Maintenance expenditure per capita -----	.412

* NOTE.—Because of the important changes in salary rates, which became effective January 1, 1926, the new as well as the old schedule of salaries is given in the above table.

TABLE 26

LIST OF MEETINGS HELD AT THE BRANCH LIBRARIES

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT, 1925

This list does not include the meetings of the Library Staff, nor meetings of the Staff Association, nor story hours for children, nor meetings of the Library clubs for children. It gives an idea of the large use of the assembly rooms in the library buildings by outside organizations.

AGUILAR

- Jane Addams City History Club. Weekly—January through February 7, November through December.
- Italian Dramatic Club (Girls). Bi-monthly—October through December.
- English classes for foreigners. Two classes twice a week. April through June, November through December.
- Evening School Classes (English for foreigners). Talks given on the library by the librarian. 12 visits—January through April.

BLOOMINGDALE

- West Side Civic League. Two meetings—February and April.

GEORGE BRUCE

- League of Women Voters, 13th Assembly District. One meeting—October.
- West Harlem Business Men's Association. Two meetings—January and February.

CHATHAM SQUARE

- Teachers' Association. January 20.
- Chinese Class. Weekly—January.
- Subway Club. Bi-weekly—November and December.

EPIPHANY

- Class in Problems of Supervision in the Enforcement of Compulsory Education Law. School of Education, College of the City of New York. Weekly—January through May.
- Class in Teaching History in Junior and Senior High Schools. School of Education, College of the City of New York. One meeting—September 28.
- Class in Practice Teaching in Pitman's Stenography. School of Education, College of the City of New York. Weekly—January through May. Twice a week—September 28 through December.

58TH STREET

- In connection with an exhibition of Scenic Art during January, four open meetings: Jan. 10. The Artist in the Theatre, Kenneth MacGowan, speaker; Jan. 17. The Playhouse idea, Helen Arthur, speaker; Jan. 24. The Dramatist and his Stage, John Howard Lawson, speaker; Jan. 31. The Theatre in Print, various speakers, Miss Florence Overton in the chair.

OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR OF WORK WITH SCHOOLS (58th Street Branch Building)

- Association of French Teachers. May 23, November 7, December 5.
- Committee of Spanish Teachers. December 11 and 16.
- Evening School Teachers. November 24, and December 10.
- Foreign Language Teachers (Junior High School). February 25. Weekly—October.
- Greater New York Kindergarten (to 6 B) Women Teachers' Association. January 27, May 28, September 30, November 4, December 15.
- High School Civics Teachers. January 8, June 9.
- Hunter College Library Course. March 24, November 17.
- Immigrant Education Exhibit. April 23–25, October 23.
- Inter-Theatre Arts Lectures. Saturdays—January.
- Junior High School Committee. March 30.
- Junior High School Principals. Monthly—February, March and April.
- Junior High School Teachers. October 8.
- Kindergarten Teachers Conferences. January 20, February 10, 18, 19.
- Library School of The New York Public Library (Children's Literature Lecture). April 16.

Library School of The New York Public Library (School Library Work Lectures). Fridays—February to May 15.

Modern Language Teachers (High School). March 11, 18, April 8, 22, May 20, October 27, November 12, 13, 19, 20, 23.

New York City Principals' Association. April 29, May 13.

New York City School Librarians' meeting. October 6.

New York Inter-scholastic Debating League. Mondays—January to June.

New York Public Library (School meetings). January 20, April 28, November 17.

Physical Education for Cardiac Children. December 11.

Retired Teachers' Association of New York City. June 16.

Library Class, Teachers' College. October 17.

Library Summer School, Columbia University. July 10.

International Institute, Columbia University. December 18.

FORDHAM

Fair Play Rent Association. Thursday nights—January through December.

American Legion Post 17. Five meetings—January, February and March.

Bronx Artists' Guild. Nine meetings—Monthly except July, August and September.

Fordham Druggists' Association. Three meetings—January, February and March.

"Italian Literature." Lecture in Italian, by Mr. Flavio Pasella. February.

"Irish Literary Revival." Lecture by John J. Murphy. February.

Junior League of Women Voters. Three meetings—February, March and June.

League of Women Voters. One meeting—March.

Union Hospital Festival. Rehearsals. Nine times—April.

School for Music Study. Rehearsals and four performances. Ten times—April and May. Ten times—November and December.

Mercury Club (Athletic). Thirteen meetings—May through September.

Veterans of Foreign Wars. Brady Post. Seven meetings in July, October, November and December.

Auxiliary of Brady Post. Two meetings in July.

Girl Scouts. Seven meetings—November and December.

FORT WASHINGTON

Metropolitan Housewives' League. Two meetings—January and October.

Hudson River Bridge Citizens' Committee. One meeting—March.

Jewish Federation. One meeting—October.

Washington Heights Boys. Five meetings—December.

Hub Association (Merchants of 181st Street). One meeting—March.

125TH STREET

English classes for foreigners. Four meetings weekly—January through June, September through December.

Parole Officer with men on parole. Bi-monthly.

HAMILTON FISH PARK

Book meetings. Fortnightly—January through April, November through December.

Neighborhood Concerts. Monthly—January through May, July, November through December.

City History Club. Weekly—January through April.

Boy Scouts. Weekly—November 28 through December.

English classes for foreigners. Two afternoon classes twice a week—January through May, September through December. One class a week from Evening School—January through April. December 21.

Yiddish Mothers' Club. Weekly—January through May, October through December.

Purim Celebration—March 14. Programme by children from an "Arbiter Ring" school.

Principals of neighborhood schools. Luncheon—October 22.

Yiddish lectures. March 7, Mr. Kisin on "The National and International in Literature"; February 19, Mrs. Malakid on "The Cable Law and its effect on foreign born women."

Hero Club and Ben Greet Club. Each fortnightly—January through April, November, December.

Marionette Theatre. Weekly in July, December 23.

Italian Children's meetings. March 28 and September 17.

"House of the Heart" played by the Ben Greet Club on St. Valentine's Day.

Parents Meeting. February 18.

HAMILTON GRANGE

- Hamilton Community Council. Weekly—January to June, October to December. 35 meetings.
- Upper Manhattan Teachers' Association. One meeting.
- League of Women Voters. One meeting.

HARLEM LIBRARY

- Parole Officer. Meetings—Semi-monthly.
- Mount Morris Players. Thursdays—January to May, October and November.
- All Hallows Institute. Assemblies—Thanksgiving, Christmas.
- Public School 24. English classes. Assembly—May 20.
- Carlisle Ladies Auxiliary Knights of Pythias, Fridays, Semi-monthly—February to May.

HUDSON PARK

- Classes under auspices Emergency Committee on Education of Non-English Speaking Women, New York City. Twice a week—January through June, September 29 through December.
- Study Club of girls from P. S. 3 conducted by one of the visiting teachers of the district, assisted by Barnard College students. Three times a week—January through June. Twice a week—October 27 through December.
- Rehearsal by 150 boys from P. S. 95 for contest to be given during "Music Week." March 16.
- An evening of Irish poetry. Mr. Joseph Campbell. Readings from his poems. June 11.
- Meeting of the Arts and Craftsmen League. December 19.
- Children's Christmas entertainment. December 24.

115TH STREET

- City History Club (Boys). Weekly—January through April, October through December.
- Drama Discussion Meetings by arrangement with the Theatre Guild. Semi-monthly—November and December. Speakers: Winifred Lenihan, Helen Arthur, John Howard Lawson, Kenneth MacGowan.
- International Club of the City of New York. Executive committee—Three meetings—September to October.
- Leake and Watts Society. Monthly—January through July, October through December.
- Myles Standish Literary Club. Fourteen meetings—February through May.
- Wadleigh High School. Economics Class. Four meetings—December.

135TH STREET

- Parole Officer. Office Hours—First and third Thursdays.
- Myrtle Anderson Women's League. Second and fourth Thursdays—January through December.
- Choral Society. Tuesday evenings—January through June, September 8 through December.
- Department of Negro Literature and History. Organization meetings—January 13, First and third Tuesdays—February, March and April. Formal opening, May 7.
- Board of Education Lectures. Saturday evenings—January through April, October 24 through December.
- North Harlem Community Forum. Wednesday evenings—January through May, November 18 and December 17.
- National Ethiopian Art Theatre. Monday through Saturday afternoons and evenings—January through April.
- "Enjoyment of Books" Evenings. January 8—Miss Mary White Ovington; February 5—Konrad Bercovici; February 19—H. W. L. Dana; March 5—Ruth Hale; April 30—Jean Toomer, John Farrar, presiding; November 19—James Weldon Johnson; December 3—May Lamberton Becker.
- Howard University Alumni Club Meeting. January 13, June 17, October 26.
- Harlem Tuberculosis Association. February 13.
- Odd Fellows. February 24.
- Children's Good Behavior Club. Saturday afternoons—May and June. Second Saturday in July.
- International League's Reception to Miss Jessie Fauset. May 21.
- Lincoln Hospital Alumnae Association. June 8.
- Harlem Citizens' Welfare Council. June 29. Thursday evenings—September, November 29.
- Shuffle Inn Company. Third and fourth Fridays in July.
- Ferrari Fontana Voice Trials. Three evenings in July.
- Library Reception to Summer Students. July 17.
- Harlem League for Americanization of Foreign Born. August 21.
- Amsterdam News Tryouts for a Choral Society. September 18 and 19.
- Institute for Social and Religious Research. November 4.
- Miss Cutter—Children's books. December 15.

JACKSON SQUARE

Boy Scouts of America. Weekly—July through November.

KINGSBRIDGE

Henry Street Settlement. Classes for mothers. Four meetings—May.

MELROSE

Tenants' League (Representatives). Semi-monthly—January to December.

Courtlandt Greys Athletic Club. Weekly—January to June.

Alumnae P. S. No. 53. Five meetings.

Laurel Athletic Club. Five meetings.

Community Council—Two meetings.

Bronx Athletic Club. One meeting.

City History Club (Boys). Weekly—November, December.

MOTT HAVEN

Boys' Club (Under Miss Golden). Six meetings—January, February and March.

Boys' City History Club. Weekly—January through May, October 23 through December.

Girl Scouts, Troop 3. Weekly—January through June.

Girl Scouts, Troop 68. Weekly—October 19 through December.

Girl Scouts, Troop 4. Three meetings—April. One meeting—September. Weekly—October through December.

Girl Scouts, Emily Hepburn Troop. Weekly—January through March.

Girls' City History Club. Weekly—January through June 17.

MORRISANIA

Boy Scouts, Troop 242. Friday evenings—January.

Civic Group (New York City History Club). Saturday evenings—January.

Girl Scouts, Troop 77. Monday evenings—January through June, September through December.

Hiawatha Literary Club (Boys). Thursdays—February through May 15.

New York City History Club (Boys). Saturday afternoons—October through December.

Open meeting, May 16. All clubs participating. Debate: Resolved that the President be elected by the people (Senior boys). A Trialogue, or, The Schoolmaster's Examination (Junior boys).

Reading Club. Mixed groups (Unorganized). Wednesdays—February through May.

96TH STREET

Boy Scouts. Weekly—January through December.

City History Club. Weekly—January through December.

Classes in English for foreign mothers. Two classes, elementary and advanced. Twice a week—January through December.

Parole Officer's meeting. Fortnightly—January through December.

Fortnightly visits of evening classes (English for foreigners) for general introduction to library by foreign assistant.

Class in mathematics. Weekly—May, June and July.

Russian dramatic organization. Two evenings a week during April.

Play given by Girls' Club. May.

Reading by Rose Cohen, author of "Out of the Shadow." February.

Talk by Miss Seaman of Macmillan Company on "The book and the publisher." October.

PORT RICHMOND

Lectures by Assistant Curator of Staten Island Museum, illustrated by lantern slides. March 18, December 3.

Introduction to library for evening school classes in English for foreigners. Four meetings—November.

RIVERSIDE

The Dramateurs. Two meetings—October. Eleanora Duse, Inc. One meeting—February.

Order of the Eastern Star (Joseph Warren Chapter). Six meetings—September through December.

Parole Commission. Semi-monthly—January through December.

Public Speaking Club. Weekly—January through December.

University Forum of America. Two meetings—January.

Writer's Guild. Semi-monthly—January through November.

RIVINGTON STREET

Library hour for evening school classes in English for foreigners. Mondays—January through May, October through December.

Yiddish story hour for foreign mothers. Occasional meetings—May, June, October, November, December.

ST. AGNES

St. Agnes' Auxiliary, American Red Cross. Monday through Friday, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. January through December.

City History Club, "Coolidge Club" (Boys). Weekly—January through April, October through December.

Central Church Athletic Group (Young men). Weekly business meetings—March and April.

St. Agnes' Boys' Literary Club. Bi-weekly—January through May. October through December.

SEWARD PARK

East Side Debating Club. Weekly—January to June, September through December.

Yiddish Mothers' Club (Discussion in Yiddish of books and current events with occasional speakers. One visit to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the American Museum of Natural History). Weekly—January to June, and December.

Yiddish Forum (Talks and dramatic readings by Jewish authors and critics followed by discussion). Monthly—January and February.

Boy Scout Troop No. 236—Sixty-two meetings—January through June. Twenty-six meetings—September through December.

Informal meetings of teachers from P. S. 62. March.

City History Club (Girls). Two meetings in April.

Meeting of sixty mothers and thirty children from the Henry Street Settlement to look at easy English books and to be instructed in the use of the library. April 29.

May Day Festival—May 1 and 2. Given on the roof by 30 boys and girls from the Seward Park Children's Room. Attended by 150 children, the Yiddish Mothers' Club and outside visitors.

Girl Scouts Troop No. 16. One meeting—October. Eight meetings—November and December.

ST. GEORGE

Class in Elementary French. Auspices of Staten Island Teachers' Association. Weekly—during school year.

Lectures on Short Story Writing. Auspices of Staten Island Teachers' Association. Weekly—during school year.

Lectures on History. Auspices of Staten Island Teachers' Association. Weekly—during school year.

Lecture on "Old Ships" by Gordon Grant. November 12.

67TH STREET

Kindergarten to 6B Association. Weekly meetings—June, September, October.

TREMONT

Classes in English for foreign women (Board of Education). Four times weekly—January to June 15, October through December.

Educational Club (Debating and mental development). Weekly—January to June, and September to December.

Yiddish Lectures on Yiddish Literature. Fortnightly—January to May.

Columbia Literary Club for betterment of boys. Thursday evenings—October 22 through December.

Pentagon Club (Boys' Literary Club). Debating and Dramatics. Wednesday evenings during the school year.

Talk by Mr. Abbo Ostrowdsky on "Origin and Development of the Art School of the Educational Alliance." January 27.

Reading by Rose Cohen from her book "Out of the Shadow." March 16.

TOMPKINS SQUARE

Classes in English for foreigners. Three times a week—January through March. Twice a week—October through December.

Classes in English for foreign women. Twice a week—March through May.

Public Lectures. Weekly—January through March, November through December.

Joint meeting of Boys' Clubs of The New York Public Library.

TOTTENVILLE

Lecture on Spring Birds by Mr. Carrol Stryker of the Staten Island Museum Staff. April.

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS

Committee of Federation of Tenants' Association. One meeting—September.

League of Women Voters Committee. Monthly—January through June, September through December.

Washington Heights Welfare League. March through June, October through December.

Talk on "Children's books of the year"—Miss Anne Carroll Moore, speaker. December.

WEBSTER

Meeting of the League of Women Voters. April 17.

Visit of the Pratt Library School. April 24.

English class for foreigners. Twice a week—January through April, November through December.

Mme. F. Plaminovová, senator of the National Assembly of Czechoslovakia and vice president of the International League of Women which met at Washington, and Dr. Albina Honzaková of Prague, spoke to about 150 Czech women in April.

WEST 40TH STREET

Monticello Players. Four meetings—February 13, April 10, 14, 17.

Emergency Committee for Non-English Speaking Women. Eight meetings per week—January through March; Seven meetings per week—April through June; Twelve meetings per week—September through November 16; Fourteen meetings per week—November 21 through December.

WOODSTOCK

Board of Education. Lecture Bureau. Weekly—January through April 10. Semi-weekly—October 20 through December 22.

Board of Education. Foreign class visits to the Library from P. S. 39. Five visits—January through December.

Board of Education. Classes in English for foreigners. Semi-weekly—February 28 through June 18. September 15 through December. Two additional classes—November 16—December.

Bronx Women's Federation for Social Service. Semi-monthly—January through June, October 13 through December.

City History Club. Weekly through December.

Bronx Continuation School. Five book talks—February 25 through April 3.

Council of Jewish Women. Meetings with Foreign Classes—December 2 and 23.

Girl Scouts of The Bronx. Troops 4, 21, 38. Weekly—January through June, October through December.

Social Problems Graduate Club. Monthly—January through May.

Woodstock Birthday celebration. February 17. Music and Poetry Program. 250 guests.

Woodstock Literary Club. Weekly—February 27 through October.

Hebrew Orphan Asylum. Foster Mothers. Monthly—December.

Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society. Citizenship class. Semi-weekly—November through December.

Poetry Talk by Miss Davis to Poetry Club of Junior High School, P. S. 51. December 11.

YORKVILLE

Aquarium Society. Monthly—January through December.

Education Committee for the Non-English-Speaking Women. Teachers' conference and committee meetings. January through June, September through December. Total meetings—20.

Mathematics Society. One meeting—May 7.

Yorkville Community Council. Monthly—January through June, September through December. Also three committee meetings, June 24, July 9 and July 28.

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 Mora, Jesus Saiz De La. Pinar del Rio, Cuba.
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 Morgan, J. Pierpont. New York.
 Moscow. State Museum of Fine Arts.
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 Moses, Montrose J. New York.
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 Münchhausen, Charlotte Freifrau v. Cherenx sur Montreux, Switzerland.
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 Nadel, Arno. Berlin, Germany.
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 Nash, John Henry. San Francisco, Cal.
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- Natuurkundige Vereeniging. Batavia, Nederlandsch-India.
- Nearing, Prof. Scott. New York.
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- New York Monthly Meeting of Religious Societies. New York.
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- New Zealand. Post and Telegraph Department. Wellington, New Zealand.
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- Ogrizovich, Miss Dora. New York.
- Ogus, A. D. Brooklyn, N. Y.
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- Ortiz, Fernando. Habana, Cuba.
- Orton, J. F. New York.
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- Otis, Philo Adams. Chicago, Ill.
- Overijssel, Netherlands. The Commissioner of the Province. Zwolle, Netherlands.
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- Panama, Republica de. Biblioteca "Colon." Colon, Panama.
- Parker, Mrs. James Henry. New York.
- Parson, Beaufort Sims. Charlottesville, Va.
- Passano, Prof. Leonard Magruder. Baltimore, Md.
- Patou, Jean. Paris, France.
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- Pearson, E. J. New Haven, Conn.
- Pell, Mrs. A. D. New York.
- Penfold, Saxby Vouler. New York.
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- Perin, Charles Page. New York.
- Perkins, Miss A. S. New York.
- Perkins, Fellows and Hamilton. Chicago, Ill.
- Perreau, Commandant M. Grenoble, France.
- Perrine, Howland Delano. New York.
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- Remey, Charles Mason. Washington, D. C.
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- Rhodes, T. D. Asheville, N. C.
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- Rice, Mrs. J. H. New York.
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- Weeks, E. O. Tenafly, N. J.
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- Williams, Craig. New York.
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- Worthan, Mrs. L. New York.
- Wright, Dr. Jonathan. Pleasantville, N. Y.
- Wynne, Rev. John J., S. J. New York.
- Zavala, Pablo A. Guatemala, Central America.
- Zentralverband der Schuhmacher Deutschlands. Nurnberg, Germany.
- Zevin, Israel. New York.
- Zuiderzeevereeniging. Amsterdam, Netherlands.
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NEWS OF THE MONTH

GIFTS

DURING the month of April, 1926, there were received as gifts 5,246 volumes, 11,596 pamphlets, 8 maps, and 4 prints. Some interesting and important items were the following:

Mr. Henry Goldsmith presented a collection of 59 original drawings by W. W. Denslow, made for the first edition of the "Wizard of Oz."

As a joint gift from Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler and Prof. Brander Matthews, there was received a copy (No. 65 of 201 printed bearing the initials of the Fourth Secretary) of "The Roster of the Round Table Dining Club, with a Prefatory Note by the Fourth Secretary of the Club," New York, 1926.

From Mr. William Andrews Clark, Jr., Los Angeles, came copies (each No. 177 of 200 printed) of two editions of Gray's *Elegy* specially printed for Mr. Clark — one having an introduction by James Southall Wilson, a foreword by Mr. Clark, and a frontispiece by William H. Wilke (printed by John Henry Nash, San Francisco, 1925); the other being a facsimile of the 1751 edition, made for Mr. Clark in 1925. From the George D. Smith Book Co., Inc., came a copy (one of the autographed edition of 1,000 copies on hand-made paper, designed and printed at the Vreeland Press in New York, Christmas, 1925) of "Thomas Gray's *Elegy* Written in a Country Church Yard, a Bibliographical and Descriptive Note by W. N. C. Carlton."

The following gifts of prints were received: From Mrs. Carl S. Junge, Chicago, twelve bookplates designed by Carl S. Junge. From M. Édouard Léon, Paris, his etching, "Le philosophe d'après Rembrandt"; and an etching by E. Veder, "Rue St. Denis." From Mr. W. G. Reindel, his woodcut, "Summer Landscape." From Mr. E. L. Tinker, a proof of his linoleum block print, "Hearniana."

From Hon. Samuel Greenbaum, came the three volumes of "Courts and Lawyers of New York, a History, 1609-1925, by Alden Chester, in collaboration with E. Melvin Williams," New York, 1925. Mrs. Robert W. de Forest gave a copy of her privately printed work, "James Colles, 1788-1883, by Emily Johnston de Forest," New York, 1926. From Prof. Robert McElroy came a copy of "In the Name of Liberty, Selected Addresses by William Bourke Cockran" [edited by Robert McElroy], New York, 1925. From Mr. Harry Crosby, Paris, came a copy of his work, "Sonnets for Caresse," Paris, 1926 (second impression, limited to 27 copies). Mr. Robert Scott

gave a copy of "The Poems of Ossian," London, 1773, 2 vols. Mr. William Ormiston Roy, Montreal, Canada, gave the two volumes of "Robert Burns," by Auguste Angellier, Paris, 1893.

The following interesting collections were received: From The Estate of John Van V. Booraem, 299 volumes of English, French and German books; from the Engineering Societies Library, 209 volumes, 189 pamphlets, etc.; from Bibliografski Zavod, Zagreb, Jugoslavia, 13 volumes and 6 pamphlets, and an atlas; from Mrs. A. D. Pell, a collection of illustrated works, such as "Rocky Mountains and the Pacific Slope" (4 vols.), "Picturesque California" (4 vols.), "Picturesque World" (2 vols.), "Artists' Country Seats," 66 volumes in all; from Mr. Herman Cruger, 256 volumes, and 34 pamphlets; and many others.

ADDITIONS AND USE OF THE LIBRARY IN APRIL, 1926

DURING the month of April, 1926, there were received at the Library 35,824 volumes and 14,748 pamphlets. (These include the additions to both Reference and Circulation Departments.) The total number of readers recorded in the Central Building was 162,660. They consulted 334,565 volumes. Visitors to the building numbered 334,724.

CIRCULATION STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1926

BRANCHES	CIRCULATION		NEW REGISTRA- TIONS	VOLUMES ACCES- SIONED
	HOME USE (VOLUMES)	READERS OF REFERENCE BOOKS		
MANHATTAN				
Central Building	61,108	—	1,136	662
Children's Room	3,492	3,801	83	61
Extension Division	58,570	—	325	877
Library for the Blind	3,619	—	17	66
East Broadway, 33	10,678	1,358	142	444
East Broadway, 192	28,458	4,061	481	1,084
Rivington street, 61	17,447	1,916	293	496
East Houston street, 388	20,222	3,541	252	1,254
Leroy street, 66	12,961	1,347	194	319
8th street, 135 Second avenue	14,529	666	164	376
10th street, 331 East	21,031	2,404	309	666
13th street, 251 West	10,092	1,755	160	130
23rd street, 228 East	10,850	1,519	181	258
23rd street, 209 West	8,887	1,348	174	220
36th street, 303 East	9,773	987	100	182
40th street, 457 West	9,796	461	91	280
50th street, 113 East	7,492	604	64	257
51st street, 742 Tenth avenue	13,317	909	141	293
58th street, 121 East	13,358	1,200	220	218
58th street, 121 East { Music	1,683	1,588	26	197
67th street, 328 East	17,279	2,198	174	328
69th street, 190 Amsterdam avenue	13,849	1,475	178	209
77th street, 1465 Avenue A	16,555	1,001	219	494
79th street, 222 East	17,819	1,050	289	396
81st street, 444 Amsterdam avenue	15,820	945	281	176
96th street, 112 East	29,251	1,927	434	968
100th street, 206 West	18,527	1,125	317	268
110th street, 174 East	25,642	4,176	372	1,951
115th street, 203 West	20,319	1,547	249	689
124th street, 9 West	13,146	1,225	178	828
125th street, 224 East	11,285	1,243	235	146
125th street, 518 West	19,048	1,082	274	219
135th street, 103 West	10,901	1,987	156	322
145th street, 503 West	21,144	1,300	321	257
St. Nicholas avenue, 1000	17,859	1,468	205	660
179th street, 535 West	25,019	1,773	78	351
THE BRONX				
140th street, 321 East	19,528	2,231	343	472
Morris avenue, 910	17,583	1,764	252	327
160th street, 761 East	32,383	3,380	497	776
168th street, 78 West	7,622	546	115	246
169th street, 610 East	30,313	2,399	635	282
176th street and Washington avenue	37,264	4,965	575	1,674
Bainbridge avenue, 2556	32,670	3,322	617	168
Kingsbridge avenue, 3041	4,862	515	56	101
RICHMOND				
St. George	8,111	2,339	116	318
Port Richmond	11,107	994	96	481
Stapleton	7,326	356	87	91
Tottenville	5,139	178	30	83
Totals	844,734	77,976	11,932	21,621

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